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THE QUEEN'S NEW LIFE—A PREMIER'S DUTIES.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Saturday, March 14, 1874.

The royal procession has made this a stirring week in town. Vast numbers of people have come from the provinces and from abroad to see the sight, and London has a very bustling and crowded appearance. The Queen went back to Windsor this afternoon, and the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh were to go with her on a short visit. Buckingham Palace is a vast, rambling, draughty place, very dismal to live in, and for many years past has been left chiefly to the occupation of domestics. Clarence House, the Duke's own residence, is being rebuilt in a more commodious and handsome style, and will probably not be finished for some months. It is understood that the Queen is greatly charmed with her new daughter-in-law, and she is also delighted with the reception of Thursday. It has, in fact, operated upon her as quite a revival of interest in life, and it is expected that she will now come out much more into public than she has done since the Prince Consort's death. I met her driving in the Kensington Gardens this morning, and talking as brightly and merrily to her daughter Beatrice as in the old days when she used to ride there with her nurse on a donkey. The Queen has intimated that she will accompany the Duke and Duchess to a great civic entertainment to be given by the Lord Mayor and Corporation about the second week after Easter. The Prince and Princess of Wales are going too, and there is to be a state entry through Temple Bar, the gates of which will, of course, in accordance with traditional usage, be shut in their faces, as a matter of right, and then opened with much humility, as a sign of dutiful affection. The Lord Mayor is supposed to be the supreme ruler of the city.

Some time toward the end of May there is to be a grand family council at Saxe-Coburg, where the future position of the Duke of Edinburgh, as heir to his uncle, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg, will be discussed and settled. Queen Victoria will be there, and the Emperor of Germany and the Emperor of Russia are also expected. The Emperor William is cousin of the Queen, and uncle of the Czar, and the Queen is mother-in-law of the Emperor William's eldest son and the Czar's only daughter. The Czar is coming over to England in his steam-yacht, and preparations are already being made to pay him due honor. A grand naval review at Portsmouth is spoken of. The Czar will spend a couple of days at Brussels, and will probably take sea again for Antwerp or Flushing.

TWO RECENT DEATHS.

Two distinguished members of London society died yesterday—the Dowager Duchess of Richmond and the Countess Brunnow. The Duchess was the eldest daughter of the Marquis of Anglesey, the Duke of Wellington's companion in arms, who lost a leg at the battle of Waterloo. She was a great beauty—a "toast" as the old phrase was in her earlier days, but the fascination of her grace and sweetness and maternal dignity remained to the last. Her second daughter married Prince Edward, of Saxe-Weimar, the brother of the late Prince Consort; and two of her sons—the present Duke and Lord Henry Lennox—are members of the present Ministry. The Countess Brunnow, the wife of the Russian Ambassador, was an English lady, and very popular in the fashionable world. The Count has been for many years established in England, and his family, if not himself, may almost be considered naturalized. No one lamented the Crimean war more than he did, and he exerted himself earnestly to avert it.

A PREMIER'S TASKS.

Nothing could be more characteristic of the late Premier than the manner in which he has taken the defeat which was precipitated by his own willfulness and arrogance. Two months ago he was perfectly ready to undertake the government of the country for any length of time; and the position of a Prime Minister is, it is needless to say, extremely laborious and fatiguing. All the anxieties and responsibilities of administration fall mainly on his shoulders, and he has also the internal difficulties of the Ministry to contend with. When two of his colleagues quarrel, he has to make it up between them. When one of them falls into a hole, he has to fish him out again. Apart from the mental strain, the mere physical part of the work is very severe. The Prime Minister is busy in his office, at Downing street, all the morning, reading letters, writing or dictating letters, giving instructions, and seeing people on all sorts of subjects. Every few days he has a deputation to receive and to answer. At 4:30 he must be in his place in the House of Commons to reply to any questions that may be put to him. It is not every night that he can snatch an hour to go home to dinner, and a hasty cutlet in the dining-room must be swallowed instead. As a rule he is back in the House at 9 o'clock at the latest, and remains until the end of the sitting, which is seldom before 2 o'clock, and is sometimes as late or early as 3 or 4. When he gets to bed nobody knows. It is necessary that the head of the Government should be acquainted with the general working of all the departments, and with all questions of controversy as they arise, and this naturally involves a vast amount of reading and study. Compare with this close, harassing, and exhausting work the duties of a leader of the opposition. He has no office to attend, no questions to answer, no colleagues to look after. He is bound, of course, to keep a sharp watch on the current business of Parliament, and the members of his party look to him for counsel and guidance. A wise leader, under such circumstances, is pretty constant in his attendance in the House of Commons, and Mr. Disraeli certainly did not neglect this part of his functions. Still, it is not the close, anxious attendance that is required from the First Minister of the Crown. The opposition leader can often slip away to a dinner-party or the opera; and even if he is up very late, he does not need to get up early. His forenoons, at least, are his own. In short, his life is the life of a gentleman at ease compared with that of a drudging slave.

GLADSTONE'S NEW VIEWS.

Yet Mr. Gladstone, who only the other day, as I said, was perfectly willing to go on as head of the Government, has now discovered that his health is quite unequal to the duties of leader of the opposition, which, though they are much lighter, are, in their way, quite as important to the welfare of the country as those of the First Minister. The criticisms and restraint of the opposition ware essential to the satisfactory working of the State machine, and it is an axiom of parliamentary life that those who have held, or who aspire to hold, office are bound also to give the public the benefit of their services during the time they are in opposition. In fact the opposition is called "Her Majesty's Opposition," and its duties and functions are quite as definite and indispensable as those of the Government of the day, the only difference being that the leaders of the opposition serve without salary. This reasonable and well-understood obligation Mr. Gladstone is now anxious to repudiate. His health, he says, will not allow him to accept the burden, although it is only a feather to that leaden weight of ministerial responsibility which he would have had no objection to endure for any number of years if he could only have had his own way. It is impossible to exaggerate the amount of public inconvenience and even danger which must arise from the want of an efficient resistance to the measures of the Ministry. The human body is held together by the pressure of the atmosphere, and the political solidity of a nation is maintained by a similar process. The best of statesmen require very sharp watching. No party has at any time a monopoly of wisdom and discretion. An opposition without a leader is really no opposition at all; it becomes a mere loose mob, without coherence or compacted force, and this is the condition to which Mr. Gladstone is willing to reduce the party to whose loyal devotion he owes so many triumphs. Great pressure has, however, been brought to bear on him to reconsider his final determination to retire at once, and in a letter to Lord Granville, which is apparently intended as a manifesto, he intimates that he will try to go on a little longer, reserving the fullest freedom to retire at any moment. This, of course, will place the party completely at his mercy. He will lead as a favor, but he will exact blind and servile obedience as the price of his continued guidance. If any objection is raised to anything he proposes, he will at once threaten to retire, and as there will be a difficulty in suddenly filling his place, he will most likely be allowed to carry his point. It is impossible that a party can hold together for any purpose under a temporary leadership which is liable at any moment to be withdrawn. A party in this miserable position can only live from hand to mouth and from hour to hour. It can settle nothing for the future—nothing but the fleeting business of the moment. It can have no broad and comprehensive policy. And it is to this that Mr. Gladstone has brought the great Liberal Party. He willfully deprived them of Mr. Cardwell, who would have made an excellent leader, by banishing him to the House of Lords, and now he will neither promise to remain their leader himself nor go away altogether. It is pleaded that Mr. Gladstone's health is bad, and that he must have repose; but if this is so, it can only have arisen in the course of the last few weeks, and can only be due to childish and distempered disappointment. It is no doubt true that Mr. Gladstone has always been indifferent to office for its own sake; he broke up Lord Russell's Government by his impatience to get out of office, and he was certainly sincere in wishing Mr. Disraeli to succeed him last year. It is not office he cares for, but the satisfaction of doing the best that can be done in a quiet, patient, self-denying way, for the good of the country. His ambition is fixed on the enjoyment of personal aggrandizement, and the absolutism of a dictatorship. When he finds that he cannot rule as a despot, with the country creeping at his feet, he flings the country to the dogs, and will have no more to do with it. This arrogant and unscrupulous egotism is the real key both to his policy and personal character. Mr. Gladstone now says he is anxious "to turn his position to account for other purposes than those of politics." He thinks of a trip to the Holy Land, and it would be well if he would devote the remainder of his years to the discovery of the lost tribes.

THE CHISELHURST DEMONSTRATION.

The demonstration on Monday is to be on a grand scale. A Committee of Management is sitting at Willis' Rooms, tents are being erected in the park at Camden Place, and there will be no want of theatrical ingenuity to give éclat to the affair. Even in town, there is already a marked influx of waxed mustaches, tufts on the chin, and red rosettes in the button-hole. The Duke of Aumale, who came over to pay his respects to the Duke of Edinburgh, arrived in strange company, for M. Rouher and the chief Bonapartists came over with him. It has been jocularly assumed that he, too, is on his way to Chiselhurst. Prince Napoleon will not be present to pay homage to his cousin. He has his own idea as to who is the real Napoleon. He adheres, he declares, to the democratic and anti-clerical policy which he has always advocated, and is utterly opposed to the present counselors of Prince Louis, (he does not call him Prince Imperial,) who, he holds, are ruining him as they ruined his father. The Ex-Empress and M. Rouher are, of course, pointed to.

ARTHUR ORTON.

"The claimant" has settled down into the quiet and obscure routine of prison life. Chas. Orton, who, on receiving an allowance, took an affidavit that the claimant was not Arthur Orton, but afterward, on the allowance being stopped, went over to the other side, has published an acknowledgment that the claimant was really his brother; whereupon the two sisters, who were subsidized by the claimant, insist that he is not their brother. They were afraid, however, to say that in the witness-box, and if they had they would now have been in jail waiting for their trial for perjury. It has been proposed to hold meetings to denounce the Judges in the Tichborne case, and to get up subscriptions for the claimant's family, who are destitute. It seems that the benchers of Gray's Inn are not disposed to take proceedings against Dr. Kenealy, on the ground that, if he did anything wrong, the Judges should have punished him.

J. H. F.

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

Snow fell to the depth of four inches yesterday morning in Boston.

Four inches of snow fell at Poughkeepsie on Friday night.

Wright, the Teller of the Bradford Savings Bank, when arrested at Potsdam, N. Y., had in his possession $4,500 in money.

Joseph Hall has been elected Principal of the Hartford, Conn., High and Grammar School, in place of Wm. Capron, deceased.

John P. Clum, of Santa Fé, New-Mexico, has been appointed agent for the Apache Indians at San Carlos Reservation, Arizona.

A new temperance society has been organized in the Town of Rye, under the name of the Rye Temperance Union.

John Cheney, thirteen years old, while riding on an elevator at the Roxbury Steam Mill, at Boston, yesterday, thoughtlessly placed his head through an opening, and it was nearly severed from his body.

Rev. Dr. T. Stock, formerly Pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, in Baltimore, and St. Andrew's Church, in Philadelphia, died on Friday night. He was editor of the *Lutheran Home Monthly* at the time of his decease.

A man named Coleman convicted of forgery was yesterday sentenced to four years in the Richmond, Va., Penitentiary. A suspending order was granted for thirty days, so that counsel may take the case before the Court of Appeals on application for a writ of error.

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

BRIBES PAID BY CONTRACTORS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The District investigation was continued to-day, but the testimony taken was not important except upon one new point. A contractor swore that he had paid to one of the members of the District Legislature, to be divided with another member, $1,000 for influence in obtaining him a contract with the Board of Public Works. He had agreed to pay $3,000, but did not pay the remaining $2,000 because his contract was rescinded. There is a notable class of shysters about Washington who profess to buy and sell Congressmen and public officers, and take money from those who are foolish enough to pay, but oftener than otherwise they are not even known to the persons they pretend to be able to influence. The testimony to-day would indicate that some of these people had been members of the District Legislature. This, of itself, is a serious matter, but no evidence is yet produced to show that any influence which this contractor paid for had anything to do with the award of the contract. If the investigation takes that direction, it is more than likely that it will be found that contractors have been fed upon by a set of parasites who pretended to be able to obtain contracts, though in reality they had no influence at all, and if not more than two members of the District Legislature are found among them, the reputation of that body will be improved by the investigation.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The District of Columbia Investigating Committee met to-day at 1:15 o'clock P. M.

Mr. Harrington filed an answer of the Board of Public Works to the last two charges of the memorialists. W. H. Huestis testified that he is an old contractor; has been many years in that business; has examined the curb laid around P street, and would furnish, dress, haul, and put down that or similar curb for $1 45 per foot. He stated at length that he could set curb of the various sizes named at from eleven to sixteen cents per foot, and do the sodding at from eighteen to thirty cents per yard. The curb around the P street circle is a straight curb, and witness could make as good a job around a circle of that radius with a straight as with a circular curb. Witness could furnish for $1 per foot a curb such as is used here in the improvements by the board, for which they paid $1 10 per foot. William Ball, a property owner on Sixth street, testified that he had been damaged to the extent of $300 by reason of the manner in which improvement had been made by the board in front of his property.

Mr. Mattingly, for the board, stated that a commission was appointed to appraise all such damages; that their report thereon will be sent to the next Legislature, when an appropriation will be made to pay all accounts of this nature.

John Wilson, an old citizen, testified that he owns property on New-York avenue and other streets. New-York avenue was graded and paved in front of his property, and he had been largely overassessed for the improvement on that street, taking as a basis the scale of prices furnished him by the board. The grade of that street was twice changed by the board, and all the cost of the changes was charged against the property-owners.

Mr. Shepherd stated to the witness, when complaint of this matter was referred to him, as Vice-President of the board, that he considered that the law of Congress authorizing the assessment of tax for special improvements, under which this assessment was made, was a most damnable and oppressive one, and he intended to call the attention of Congress to its injustice.

Geo. B. Raub testified as to the cost of improvements on C street, in front of his property; also in relation to his Fifteenth street property, the tendency being to show that he was charged largely in excess of what he ought equitably to have been required to pay.

In filling the canal between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, West, the contractor only removed the stone wall of the canal down to the water line, covering up all the stone below that.

Peter McNamara, on being recalled, denied that his brother Dennis McNamara, to his knowledge, ever gave John Crane any sum of money as a consideration for not investigating the contracts witness had with the Board of Public Works; witness has paid Wm. A. Cook for legal services, but never paid him money for political influence. Witness was asked whether he ever gave or offered to give money to Jos. Carroll or Geo. Gulick, members of the Legislature of the District of Columbia. The witness, after declining to answer and being required to respond, said he gave Carroll $1,000 to obtain the for him the contract for Pennsylvania avenue, east of the Capitol. He offered to give the money to Gulick. There was $3,000 to be given to Gulick and Carroll. He gave $1,000 to Carroll. The contract was changed so that the witness did not feel bound to pay the other $2,000. This agreement was made in September, 1871. They represented to witness that they could procure the contract, but the witness afterward found that this was not the case. The witness gave Mr. Barney, the assistant engineer, $150, and Barney gave it back again; loaned him the money and he paid it back; didn't loan it as a bribe or regard it as such; this was about ten months ago. Barney subsequently measured work for witness, and witness is sorry for it, because Barney didn't allow witness the amount of grading he claimed. Witness don't believe Carroll ever attempted to earn the $1,000 witness had given him. These facts came to the knowledge of Gov. Shepherd, who was very angry, and said these men had not been of any assistance whatever in obtaining contracts, and if he ever heard of witness giving money in that way again, he would never give witness another contract.

Mr. Barney testified that McNamara gave him an envelope one day on the street, and that he did not know what was in it, but supposed it was in reference to some measurement McNamara wanted done the next day. On looking at it, witness saw that it bore an indorsement to the effect that McNamara loaned witness $180 for sixty days. Witness at once carried the envelope to the Governor and gave it to him, requesting that it be returned to McNamara, which the Governor did. His object in returning the money to the Governor was to prevent contractors in future from such acts.

Thomas Coyle testified that he could set curb at fifteen cents a foot. Witness graded for the old corporation, and got paid ten cents for grading and twice that amount for filling, using the earth excavated for filling; used all the spare dirt for filling lots owned by private parties.

Solomon Fague testified that he had been called on to measure brick buildings that contained a good many old paving-brick; recently had a cellar excavated under the Foundry Church, and paid forty cents a yard for it, and the contractor had the use of the dirt.

James A. Magruder, Chairman of the Board of Public Works, was examined at length in reference to payments made by him to various companies from whom the board had purchased materials.

L. J. Follansbee testified that he heard the testimony of P. Cullinane, yesterday, and was present on one occasion when Magruder refused to pay Cullinane money. Magruder on that day paid the witness $4,000 for work done by witness. Never heard Cullinane say anything about the alleged $5,000 transaction referred to yesterday until yesterday.

SUICIDE OF A WIFE-MURDERER.

LACONIA, N. H., March 28.—Bledgett, the wife-murderer, committed suicide this morning. He was found by the jailor about 6 o'clock suspended to a bar in his cell by a strip of sheeting which he had torn from his bed. He was quite warm, but life was extinct. The Coroner was summoned, and took possession of sundry papers which the deceased had left. A prisoner heard Blodgett speak about two hours before the jailor arrived. He left a history of his life, letters to his children, and also directions concerning his burial. He was forty-four years old.

ALBANY.

THE SENATE AT WORK.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, March 28.—The Senate continues steadfast in the determination to hold six-day sessions each week, and to adjourn *sine die* at the very earliest possible moment. If Speaker Husted could induce the unruly members of his House to follow the example of the Upper Chamber, the Supply bill could be disposed of by the 20th of April and the session closed by the 25th. In the meantime, the lobby is doing everything possible to retard legislation, and not a few of the votes against holding Saturday sessions can be traced to its influence.

To-day's and last Saturday's sessions were remarkable for the large amount of business transacted. This morning the entire list of general orders was read through. This fact reflects great credit upon the gentlemen who were present, and at so advanced a stage of the session is said to be unprecedented in the history of the Legislature.

SENATORS WHO DO THEIR DUTY.

The following is a list of the Senators who did not shrink from the duty of continuous work imposed upon them by the vote of the Senate: Messrs. King, Jacobs, Fox, Booth, Robertson, Dayton, Dickinson, Lowery, Kellogg, Wood, Selkreg, Johnson, Wellman, Ganson, McGowan, and Thompson.

DRAWING-ROOM CARS ON STREET RAILROADS.

Senator Fox's bill to provide for the running of drawing-room cars on street railroads in New-York City, and that of Senator Jacobs, with the same provisions relating to Brooklyn, were ordered to a third reading.

AMENDING THE BROOKLYN CHARTER.

During the consideration of the bill to create a Board of Estimate in the City of Brooklyn, Senator Jacobs succeeded in having several amendments to the charter of Brooklyn inserted. Most important among them is one which provides for single heads of departments to be appointed by the Mayor and Common Council, and making all the departments subject to the control of the same authority.

THE NEW CAPITOL INVESTIGATION.

In accordance with a resolution adopted by the Senate, the Finance Committee have engaged Mr. R. W. Peckham as counsel to aid in the investigation of the alleged frauds in the management of the new Capitol building. The committee were in session this afternoon. Joseph Bardwell, a contractor to furnish granite for the building, was examined, and stated that there was no public letting when he secured the contract, and that he was allowed a margin of one inch on every foot of stone delivered.

MURDER OF A LAWYER.

HON. HENRY MYERS SHOT BY COL. G. TYRRELL.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 28.—The second murder in this vicinity during the present week occurred about 11 o'clock this morning in the law office of Stevenson & Myers, of Covington. Hon. Harvey Myers, a lawyer, very widely known, was shot and killed by Col. W. G. Tyrrell, of Covington, a reporter for the Cincinnati *Commercial*. The circumstances developed thus far are as follows: During several weeks past Mrs. Mary T. Tyrrell has been endeavoring, in the Covington courts, to obtain a divorce from her husband, retaining as her lawyers Messrs. Stevenson and Myers. Her grounds were these, which the public were a unit in justifying: Her husband, by fraud, had persuaded her to sign over to him the whole of an estate willed to her by her father, Judge McKinney, and valued at upward of $80,000. She had quietly submitted until she discovered her once liberal competence slowly dwindling to a pittance by reason of her husband's speculations and profligacy. She then became aroused, demanded her own to be given back, was refused and insulted, and then applied for a divorce. During the progress of the divorce trial Col. Tyrrell has shown a good deal of vindictiveness, especially toward Mr. Merrill, because he, in the regular line of professional duty, had brought to light certain facts concerning Tyrrell's life which reflected anything but credit or honor on him. Tyrrell was heard repeatedly to threaten Myers' life. No attention was, however, paid to the threats, and the trial as usual proceeded this morning. The testimony being all in about 10 o'clock, Mr. Myers retired to his private office, and about 11 o'clock Tyrrell came to the door of the main office and inquired of the clerk if Myers was in. He was told he was in the private office. Tyrrell then walked past the clerk, all the time awkwardly holding his right hand in the side-pocket of his coat, and entered the presence of Myers. The clerk heard at first a wordy altercation, a slight scuffle, and then a pistol-shot in the hall with which both offices communicated. Immediately rushing into the hall, he saw Myers falling, with his hand trying to stop the blood oozing from a wound inflicted in the abdomen by a ball from a Derringer pistol. Myers was carried back into the office and laid down, where, in a short time, he expired. He, however, lived long enough to make a written statement to the effect that Tyrrell had offered some insult to him, that he had ordered him from the office, an order which Tyrrell refused to obey, and he was proceeding to enforce it, when Tyrrell drew a Derringer from his right pocket and fired. Myers also lived long enough to see his grief-stricken family, consisting of wife and six children. Mr. Myers was widely known, had been several times elected to judicial positions, and was universally respected. Tyrrell, immediately after the tragedy, was arrested, conducted to the County Jail, and locked up. The affair has created intense excitement in the community, and its discussion is upon everybody's lips.

THE INDIANS.

TROUBLE THREATENED ON THE MALPEAR RESERVATION.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—A dispatch from Portland, Oregon, to-day, says that the Indians on the Malpear Reservation have grown insolent, and serious trouble is feared. A detachment of troops has been sent from Fort Harney to protect Agent Linville and his men. Mr. Linville has discovered a conspiracy among the Indians to inaugurate hostilities. A considerable number of Indians have left the reservation.

INDIAN DEPREDATIONS.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Capt. Brayton, Eighth Infantry, reports from Camp Stambaugh, Wyoming Territory, that eight horses were stolen by Indians from near Camp Brown, on the 8th of March. The horses were the property of W. P. Noble, a freight contractor between Camp Stambaugh and Bryan. Major Dudley, Third Cavalry, reports from Sidney barracks, the theft of seventeen horses from Riverside Ranche, North Platte, on the night of the 17th of March. The theft was committed by reservation Indians, who are just now making strong professions of peace.

THE SELMA JOCKEY CLUB MEETING.

SELMA, Ala., March 28.—The Selma Exposition Jockey Club meeting opens on Wednesday, April 1, and will continue three days. Splendid stables from New-York, Boston, and Baltimore are present. The New-Orleans and Mobile stables are especially fine, and magnificent sport is anticipated. The railroads will run excursion trains during the races.

GEN. BEAUREGARD AND THE LOUISIANA QUESTION.

NEW-ORLEANS, March 28.—Gen. Beauregard has written a letter to the Washington *Republican* in answer to Gov. Hebert's letter on the Louisiana question, accompanied by two communications, signed by prominent citizens, showing that when Gen. Beauregard was a candidate the office sought him, and not he the office.

WASHINGTON.

THE GENEVA AWARD.

INSURANCE COMPANIES NOT TO BE REIMBURSED FOR LOSSES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—The House Judiciary Committee held a meeting of over three hours' duration this afternoon on the subject of the distribution of the award of the Geneva Tribunal of Arbitration. By a vote of a majority of the members present it was decided, after a long and animated discussion, that no provision should be made for reimbursing any insurance companies in any losses sustained by them under policies insuring vessels which were destroyed by Confederate cruisers. Although the committee was not full to-day, there is no reason to believe that this action will be changed when all the members are present. Messrs. Butler, Wilson, Frye, White, Ward, and Eldredge are known to be opposed to allowing the insurance companies to participate in the distribution of the award. Messrs. Poland, Tremain, and Jewett maintain that the insurance companies should be placed on an equality with all other corporations or persons who sustained losses from the Alabama and her consorts, and Mr. Cessna thinks that the insurance companies should, at least, be allowed to absorb such a portion of the award as remains after the other classes of losers are indemnified. There is, therefore, a clear majority of the committee ready to sustain to-day's action. A portion of the majority above named are in favor of distributing out of the award the amount paid by insurers as war premiums, but as this kind of damages was expressly excluded by the Geneva Tribunal in fixing the gross sum, it is considered very doubtful whether the committee will recommend that it be paid by the United States. This question and others of importance connected with the general subject are, however, yet to be decided by the committee.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FARRAGUT PRIZE MONEY.

The Secretary of the Navy to-day sent an order to the Fourth Auditor of the Treasury, requiring that officer to pay the amounts of prize and bounty money due for the capture of New Orleans and the destruction of the enemy's ships. The total amount of prize-money proper is $530,000, and $200,000 additional bounty for the destruction of the rebel vessels. The number of United States ships of war that took part in these engagements is forty-four, and the number of officers and men who will share in the prize awards is between 2,500 and 3,000. Of the entire amount of the award the Farragut estate will receive one twentieth, or about $35,000. One of the causes of the delay of this distribution was the consideration of the question as to what share the division commanders should have. There were three divisions in the fleet, commanded respectively by Admirals Bailey and Porter and Fleet Captain Bell, each of whom will be entitled to one-fiftieth of the award, as divisional commanders. All the other officers of the fleet will receive their distributive shares in proportion to their respective rates of pay. The Secretary of the Navy has endeavored to include the names of all persons in his lists who were borne on the ships' books, or who were actually aboard the ships doing duty under competent orders during the engagements preceding and at the time of the occupation of New-Orleans by the United States forces. The lists include wounded sailors and detachments from other ships, and are thought to be absolutely correct. It will require from six weeks to two months for the Fourth Auditor to get up the clerical lists for this distribution.

CURRENCY STATEMENT—INTERNAL REVENUE RECEIPTS.

The amount of fractional currency received from the Printing Division, for the week ending to-day, was $287,700; shipments, $651,700; shipments of notes, $1,499,900; amount in United States bonds held by the Treasurer as security for national bank circulation, $392,787,200; and for public deposits, $16,325,200. The Internal Revenue receipts to-day were $298,300; for the month, $7,138,982; for the fiscal year, $72,774,894. The outstanding national bank circulation is $348,853,674.

THE FALLS OF ST. ANTHONY.

The House Committee on Commerce heard a delegation of citizens from the Upper Mississippi Valley in advocacy of appropriations for the improvement of the Falls of St. Anthony. The committee took the subject under consideration.

TREASURY BALANCES.

The balances in the Treasury at the close of business to-day were: Currency, $2,280,036; special deposit of legal tenders for redemption of certificates of deposit, $51,475,000; coin, $86,768,838, including coin certificates, $38,049,580; outstanding legal tenders, $382,000,000.

SATURDAY'S SESSION OF THE HOUSE.

The session of the House to-day was for debate only on the Currency bill, Mr. MacDougall, of New-York, in the chair as Speaker *pro tem.* Speeches were made by Messrs. Bright and Whitthorne, of Tennessee; Buckner, of Missouri; Cotton, of Iowa, and Scudder, of New-Jersey. The Senate was not in session to-day.

ADMIRAL PORTER'S CONDITION.

Admiral Porter's condition is more favorable to-night.

ARREST OF THE STATE TREASURER OF VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND, Va., March 28.—Col. Joseph Mayo, State Treasurer, returned this morning by the northern train, and was arrested at the depot by City Sergeant P. T. Moore. He was taken to the Second Police station, and subsequently committed to jail to await an examination before Police Justice White at 1:30 P. M. to-day. Col. Mayo's mind is considerably unsettled. He shows evident signs of mental aberration. The arrest was made on a bench warrant, issued by Judge Guigon, charging Mayo with the embezzlement of $3,000 of the State funds on the 31st of December last. At 2 o'clock Col. Mayo, still laboring under strong mental excitement, and entirely incoherent in his conversation, was brought before the Police Justice upon an application for bail. Several witnesses were examined as to the condition of the accused, and their evidence showed not only that Mayo is now insane, but that his mind has been seriously affected for months past, and that if confined to prison it might result in his permanent insanity, or death. Police Justice White thereupon admitted him to bail in $10,000 for his appearance on the 15th of April. After being bailed he was taken to his residence, and is now receiving every attention from his friends and physicians. The arrest of Col. Mayo has caused intense excitement here among all classes, he being highly esteemed by all, and having many intimate friends, who are deeply grieved at his misfortune. Rumors were current on the streets this afternoon that, in a paroxysm of insanity, he had killed himself, but they are unfounded.

Gov. Kemper to-day communicated to the General Assembly intelligence of the absence of the Treasurer from his office without giving notice of such absence, or its probable duration; and that body at once appointed a joint committee, to whom the matter was referred for consideration as to what action is necessary to be taken. This will doubtless necessitate a full investigation into the affairs of the Treasurer's office.

OPENING OF NAVIGATION ON THE LAKES.

OSWEGO, N. Y., March 28.—The schooner Canadian, with wheat, from Toronto, arrived last night—the first of the season.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT—SEVERAL PERSONS INJURED.

GANANOQUE, Ontario, March 28.—The night express train going west on the Grand Trunk Railroad ran into a special locomotive preceding it, two miles east of this place, early this morning. The engineer, fireman and brakemen of the express train were slightly injured. Several passengers also suffered slight contusions.

THE SOCIAL-EVIL LAW IN ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, March 28.—The social-evil question, which has excited great interest in this city during the past Winter and has been the subject of much contention in the Legislature, has been finally settled. At the session of the House last night the bill repealing the regulating clause of the city charter was passed, and then the bill which passed the Senate Tuesday, and which retains the present hospital and reformatory, and prevents the raiding of houses of ill-fame, was adopted by a large majority.

PACIFIC MAIL.

THE STEAM-SHIP COLIMA SAFE — THREE BLADES OF HER PROPELLER LOST.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—A small boat from the screw steam-ship Montana arrived at San Diego, Cal., at 3 o'clock this morning with Wells, Fargo & Co.'s messenger and Capt. Heffron, the agent of the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company at Acapulco, who reported the Montana outside the harbor awaiting their return from the delivery of dispatches. They report that on the 15th of March the steam-ship Colima lost three blades of her propeller and put into Cerros Island, off the coast of Southern California. A boat's crew started from the Colima for San Diego, and after battling with head winds for nine days were picked up by the Montana ninety miles south of San Diego. The Montana turned about to go to the assistance of the Colima, but met her in tow of the Arizona. The Montana parted with the Colima and Arizona Friday, March 27, at 11:30 o'clock A. M.

When the steam-ship Montana reached the Colima the latter vessel had only about ten days' supply of provisions on board. The Colima could not have been seen from the company's steamers passing Cerros Island owing to the position of her anchorage. The crew of the boat sent from the Colima suffered terribly before they were picked up by the Montana. When last seen the Arizona was towing the Colima against a strong head wind, and making only about seven miles an hour.

The agents of the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company here have no information as yet of the manner in which the disaster to the Colima occurred.

MOVEMENTS OF THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS.

The steam-ship Constitution arrived at Panama from San Francisco on the 21st of March. The steam-ship Acapulco sailed from Aspinwall for New-York on the 23d, and will be due there on the morning of April 1. The Henry Chauncey arrived at Aspinwall from New-York on the 24th. The City of Guatemala sailed from Aspinwall for New-York on the 25th.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

Chappel Brothers, of Baltimore, Md., whose chemical works were destroyed by fire on Friday night, were insured: on stock, $30,000, and on the building, $71,250, in the following companies: Liverpool and London and Globe, $9,000; Ætna, Connecticut, $6,000; Royal, $7,000; New-Orleans, of New-Orleans, Niagara, of New-York, and Pennsylvania, of Pennsylvania, $3,500 each; Orient, of Connecticut, $3,250; Security, of Connecticut, Atlantic, of New-York, Manhattan, of New-York, Phœnix, of Connecticut, American, of Pennsylvania, and Equitable, of Nashville, $3,000 each; Fire Association, of Philadelphia, Hartford, of Connecticut, St. Joseph, of Missouri, Lorillard, of New-York, Home, of New-York, Brewers', of Wisconsin, Lycoming, of Pennsylvania, Lancaster, of Pennsylvania, People's, of New-Jersey, Allemania, of Ohio, and Citizens', of New-Jersey, $2,500 each; Lynchburg, of Virginia, Springfield, of Massachusetts, and Hoffman, of New-York, $2,000 each; Franklin, of West Virginia, $1,500. The balance is in home companies. The total loss is between $150,000 and $160,000.

A fire broke out yesterday morning in the benzine shed, near the cotton mill of R. D. Wood & Son, and created great excitement. The shed was located 500 feet from the mill, and the flames communicated with the outer portion of the bleachery, but were soon extinguished, without material damage. The cotton and finishing mills escaped damage. The loss by the burning of the benzine shed will not exceed $1,000, and is covered by insurance.

The furniture factory of A. R. Innis, in Columbus, Ohio, caught fire last night in the varnishing-room. The building was completely gutted. The loss is unknown. No insurance.

THE WEATHER.

SYNOPSIS AND PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, March 29—1 A. M.—The barometer remains high over nearly all the country east of the Rocky Mountains. North-westerly winds, low temperature, and increasing cloudiness prevail over the Northwest and lakes and thence to Missouri, Kentucky and West Virginia. North-westerly to north-easterly winds, falling temperature, and increasing cloudiness in the Southern States, with rain on the gulf coast. North-westerly winds, falling temperature, and partly cloudy weather in the Eastern and Middle States.

The rivers have risen at Yankton and Cairo, and fallen at Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Louisville and Nashville.

PROBABILITIES.

For the Middle States, falling temperature, rising barometer, North-westerly winds, clear and partly cloudy weather.

For New-England, Northwesterly winds, rising barometer, colder and generally clear weather.

For the lakes, and thence to the Ohio and Lower Missouri Valleys, north-westerly to north-easterly winds, high barometer, low temperature, and generally clear weather.

For the North-west, north-westerly winds, veering to south-easterly, lower pressure, low temperature, and generally cloudy weather.

For the Southern States, rising barometer, north-westerly winds, veering to north-easterly and south-easterly, low temperature, but rising in the Western Gulf.

Partly cloudy weather, with occasional rain on the Gulf coast.

The rivers will probably rise slightly at Yankton and Cairo, and fall at Nashville, Cincinnati, and Louisville.

The display of cautionary signals will be resumed at the lake stations on April 1.

IN THIS CITY.

The following record shows the changes in the temperature for the past twenty-four hours, in comparison with the corresponding day of last year, as indicated by the thermometer at Hudnut's Pharmacy, No. 218 Broadway:

	1873.	1874.		1873.	1874.
3 A. M.	26°	37°	3:30 P. M.	50°	46°
6 A. M.	26°	36°	6 P. M.	43°	41°
9 A. M.	31°	36°	9 P. M.	38°	41°
12 M.	40°	45°	12 P. M.	40°	39°

Average temperature yesterday, 39⅞°.

Average temperature for last year, 36¾°.

Average temperature for corresponding date last year, 39°.

Average temperature for corresponding week last year, 34°.

The report of the Central Park Meteorological Department for the past week shows the mean height of the barometer to have been 29.940 inches, the maximum being 30.254 inches, on the 24th, and the minimum 29.640 inches, on the 23d. The mean temperature for the week was 38.1°; the maximum was 58°, on the 25th, and the minimum 16°, on the 24th. The rain-fall for the week was 0.25 inch, and the distance traveled by the wind was 2,122 miles.

A CHARITABLE BEQUEST.

BOSTON, Mass., March 28.—Miss Mary Louisa Shaw, who died Jan. 31, has bequeathed $67,000 to charitable institutions in Boston, remembering Catholics and Protestants alike.

THE MACON RACES.

MACON, Ga., March 28.—At the Central City Park, to-day, the first race, a two-mile handicap, over hurdles, was won by Chief Engineer, in 4:06; Fireball second, and Joe Johnston third. The second race was a quarter-of-a-mile dash, for yearlings. Ino won in 35¼; Victoria second, and Fanny Johnston third. The third race was a two-mile dash, which was won by Limestone. Time—3:47; Revenge second, Bessie Lee third. The races ended to-day.

LATEST NEWS BY CABLE.

THE UNIVERSITY BOAT-RACE.

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR CAMBRIDGE.

LONDON, March 28—3 P. M.—The annual race between the Oxford and Cambridge boat crews came off this morning over the usual course on the Thames, from Putney to Mortlake, distance four miles and two furlongs, and, as has been the case in the past four years, resulted in a victory for the Cambridge boat, which came in four lengths ahead of its rival. The weather was beautiful, and a more propitious day for the contest could not have been selected. The crowd that assembled to witness the race was unprecedented. On the Surrey side of the river from Putney to Mortlake there was one compact mass of people 150 feet wide, and at the latter place carriages five deep stood in long rows.

The Princess of Wales and the Duchess of Edinburgh, who were expected to be among the spectators, were absent.

Upon the toss for choice of positions Cambridge won, and selected the Middlesex, or northern side. The Oxford crew rowed into the stream at 11:01 o'clock. Five minutes later the Cambridge boat appeared

CURRENT LITERATURE.

THE MISOGYNIST.

"*Il était un jeune homme d'un bien beau passé.*"

I.

When first he sought our haunts, he wore
His locks in Hamlet-style;
His brow with thought was "sicklied o'er,"—
By many saw him smile;
And e'en when none were looking on,
His air was always woe-begone.

II.

He kept, I know, his bosom bare
To imitate Jean Paul;
His almost only topics were
Æsthetics, Fate, and Soul;—
Although at times, but not for long,
He bowed his Intellect to song.

III.

He served, he said, a Muse of Tears;
I know his verses breathed
A fine funereal air of biers,
And objects cypress-wreathed;—
Indeed, his tried acquaintance fled
An ode he named "The Sheeted Dead."

IV.

In these light moods, I call to mind,
He darkly would allude
To some dread sorrow undefined,—
Some passion unsubdued;
Then break into a ghastly laugh
And talk of Keats his epitaph.

V.

He railed at Women's faith as cant;
We thought him grandest when
He named them "Syren-shapes that chant
On bleaching bones of Men;"—
Alas, not e'en the great go free
From that insidious minstrelsy!

VI.

His lot, he oft had used to urge,
Lay on a lone Rock where
Around Time-beaten bases surge
The Waters of Despair.
We knew it true. We never knew
What gentler ears he told it to.

VII.

We, bound with him as brethren were,
One-minded, celibate,
Resolved to Thought and Diet spare
Our lives to dedicate;—
We, truly, in no common sense
Deserved his closer confidence!

VIII.

But soon, and yet, though soon, too late,
We, sorrowing, sighed to find
A gradual softness enervate
That once superior mind,
Until—in full assembly met,
He never mentioned Etiquette.

IX.

The verse that we severe had known,
Assumed a wanton air,—
A fond effeminate monotone
Of eyebrows, eyes, and hair;—
Not—seemed him now or—e'er—
He read "The Angel in the House!"

X.

And worse. He, once sublime to chaff,
Grew whimsically sore
If we but named a photograph
We found him simpering o'er;
Or told how in his chambers lurked
A waistcoat curiously worked.

XI.

Then worse again. He tried to dress,
He trimmed his tragic mane,
Abandoned at last—to our distress—
He had not "lived in vain;"
Thenceforth his one prevailing mood
Became a base beatitude.

XII.

And, O Jean Paul, and Fate and Soul!
We met him next grown stout,
His throat with wedlock's triple roll,
"All wool," unwound about;
His very hat had changed its brim!
Our course was clear. We banished him.

—AUSTIN DOBSON.

THE THREE POST-CARDS.

I.

Mrs. Brewster and her two daughters lived in a small detached villa, situated in the outskirts of a town which we shall call Dumblewitch. Mrs. Brewster was the widow of a barrister, one of her brothers was an Admiral of the Red, and another had a pretty estate in an adjoining county; but still, notwithstanding these claims to gentility, she often found it a puzzling matter to make the two ends meet. As for the two girls, Bella and Rosie, they had quite enough to do to look after their clothes. They must appear like other people, and boots and shoes did wear out so alarmingly fast, and they certainly could not make them. It was comparatively easy to turn out Rosie respectably, for she was small and slight, and a cheap remnant went a long way toward smartening her up; but Bella!—ah! yes, indeed! there was the tug of war. Bella was not only tall, but she had good broad shoulders, and an ample, well-developed figure; it was of no use to try and cover her up with skimpy jackets and badly-made bodies; all the defects and deficiencies of the garments would stare out with startling and painful distinctness. Bella's very perfections, her height, her upright carriage, her tendency to embonpoint, all of which would set off good dress, only made shabby clothes look still more remarkably and strikingly shabby; so, one day, there was nothing for Mrs. Brewster to do but to throw herself back in her chair, and exclaim:

"No, Bella, my dear, I really cannot let you go into the streets such a figure as that."

"I am sure, mamma," answered Bella, ruefully—"I am sure I can't help my things wearing out."

"I know you can't, my dear, but still I wish you were as easily dressed as Rosie; she got her last Spring alpaca dress dyed the other day, and it really looks wonderfully well; now on you, all the streaks would show terribly, you are so very remarkable looking."

"Yes, that's just it; Rosie is so small, she easily passes in a crowd and no one observes her much, but it is a different thing with me, because I am tall, and perhaps a *little* stout. Well! it's not my fault. I suppose I must only go down to Smith's and see what he has got; he has just bought a bankrupt's stock of goods, all the papers are full of his advertisements, and I shouldn't wonder if I might pick up a new costume for next to nothing."

Mrs. Brewster sighed. "Those ready-made-up things won't answer for you, I'm afraid," said she. "There is never enough of material." But at the same time she took out her purse and extracted from it two sovereigns, which she gave to her eldest born, admonishing her to be very careful about bringing back the right change.

In about an hour Bella and Rosie returned, radiant with glee. Bella had bought a lovely écru costume, all trimmed with buff lace, for the surprisingly low sum of one pound eleven shillings and ninepence half-penny. Never had such a bargain been seen; it was really handsome, and would just suit Bella, who absolutely required handsome things. But Mrs. Brewster sighed again as she put the eight shillings and twopence half-penny, which was all that remained of the two sovereigns, into her well-worn purse. "Bella, my dear," said she, "there is no use talking any more about it, you really must bring Mr. Simpson to the point."

Now a word must be said as to who Mr. Simpson was. Mr. Jacob Simpson was in the National Bank—head of his department, and supposed to be in the receipt of six or seven hundred a year. He was nervous, fidgety, fussy, and cautious, rather small in stature, with thin spindle legs and arms, a narrow chest, and a general air of skimpiness about him, as if he had not too much blood, or muscle, or, indeed, too much of anything. His skin was of a saffron hue, he had pale, watery eyes, a bald bumpless forehead, and scanty hair of a feeble dun color. He always wore a frock-coat in the mornings, and liked to be thought a business man. About four years before our story commences, he had met Miss Bella Brewster at a quiet tea-party, and ever since he had devoted himself to her with constant and never-wearying assiduity. He had walked with her, he had talked to her, he had ate and drank with her, he had sat by her side, he had lent her books, and now Mrs. Brewster declared for the hundred and first time that something must and should come of all this, and that for the future Mr. Jacob Simpson should be the one to provide the splendid Bella with écru costumes and polonaises *ad infinitum*.

"Bring Mr. Simpson to the point, mamma!" exclaimed Bella; "I can tell you I don't think that will be such a very easy matter."

"And why not!" responded Mrs. Brewster; "why not! I am sure he has been coming to the house long enough; and I must say, Bella, that I do think there must have been some sad mismanagement on your part, some terrible want of tact, not to have shown him, long ago, that you will have no more of this dawdling, and dangling, and dilly-dallying. The man is well enough off to marry to-morrow——"

"But he is such a little horror!" cried Bella, with a shrug of her shoulders, "and he has such small ferret's eyes—or—no! I believe ferret's eyes are bright, and his have not even that advantage, they are just as dull and stupid as he is himself——"

"Dull or not dull," answered Mrs. Brewster, "stupid or not stupid, Mr. Simpson is an amiable Christian man, and I am sure would make a most excellent husband."

"I don't know that he is so very amiable," said Bella, "and I am convinced he is fearfully stingy."

"Yes, I do believe he is rather stingy," added Rosie; "though he has known us so long he has never even brought us a bunch of flowers."

"Bunch of flowers!" repeated Mrs. Brewster, contemptuously; "bunch of fiddle-sticks! I can tell you what, it is only foolish boys that bring bunches of flowers, and little nonsenses of that kind; foolish boys who are not able to marry, and not thinking of such a thing. Now, Mr. Simpson *is* able to marry, there can be no doubt of that. He is none of your scamps; he is a safe sort of a person that one can depend upon—there is no giddiness or flightiness about *him*."

"Indeed, there's not," cried Bella. "There is nothing so lively; and I am convinced the man is forty if he is a day."

"It is all very fine, mamma, for you and Rosie to want me to marry Mr. Simpson; no doubt it would be very pleasant for you both to come and stay with me, and enjoy yourselves—it would be famous fun for you, of course; but it is I that would have to live with the man—it is I that would have to be worried with him day after day, and to put up with his tiresome ways."

"Rosie and I are only thinking of your comfort and happiness, my dear," said Mrs. Brewster; "we all know you would like to have a nice establishment of your own—you always seem as if you ought to be married, you have such a commanding, ordering sort of way about you. Ever since you were fifteen people have remarked that you had much more the air of a married woman than of a girl, and of course it would be a great matter to have you well settled; but if you are inclined to offend Mr. Simpson, I am sure that very little will do it, and he will be off altogether, and there are plenty of other girls who will be delighted to take him."

"Yes, indeed there are," remarked Rosie.

"Oh! if Mr. Simpson asks me, I fully intend to accept him," cried Bella; but I do wish he was not quite so dull and tame and prosy; he does bore me so with his stupid talk about geology and zoology, and I don't know what besides. I don't believe he really understands much about them himself. And then he has no manliness, not a bit. I remember once when we were in the Ormsbys' garden, some one said that if you caught hold of a nettle tight it would not sting, and everyone tried except Mr. Simpson, and he slunk away down a by-path, as if he hadn't the pluck even to try that; he did look so contemptible."

"Well! my dear, if you know of any one who is comfortably off, and has plenty of manliness, and is ready to catch hold of stinging-nettles, and willing to take you, I am sure Rosie and I will be delighted to hear of him."

"I don't know of any such person," replied Bella shortly; "I think every one that is nice is poor."

"All Mr. Simpson wants," continued Mrs. Brewster, "is a little judicious encouragement, and there are a hundred delicate ways of giving it; but you are so stupid you don't seem to know them. Only last week when he said he must come to Tetterden [Tetterden was the suburb of Dumblewitch in which Mrs. Brewster resided] to get a wife, you made no answer, but sat mum like a fool. Now a girl who had her wits about her would have cast down her eyes, and said nicely, 'I am sure, Mr. Simpson, you would have no difficulty in obtaining one.' I must confess, Bella, I could almost have boxed your ears for letting such an opportunity pass. Remember Mr. Simpson is a little bashful."

"Well! if he is," replied Bella, "I suppose you don't want me exactly to propose for him. I tell you frankly I don't know how to do it."

"I don't want you to do anything that is unladylike," said Mrs. Brewster—"I only want you not to frighten the poor man. No doubt he is aware that a girl with your connections is a very good match for him, and he feels timid in consequence. But just let me tell you, Bella, the little plan that Rosie and I are thinking of. Next Saturday afternoon Mr. Simpson will have a half-holiday, and I was going to write him a note and ask him to come with us to see Scoresby, Lord Wrightmore's place. You know it is open to the public now, and a nice walk from this. The shrubberies and gardens and grottoes are delightful, and so secluded. Rosie and I can easily drop behind——"

"Oh! indeed, I am well used to that," groaned Rosie; "hundreds and hundreds of times I have gone out with Bella and Mr. Simpson, and loitered about accidentally on purpose, and lagged behind to pick flowers and ferns, just to leave them together, but no good ever came of it."

"Don't interrupt me, Rosie," continued Mrs. Brewster; "as I was saying, you and I will drop behind, and Bella and Mr. Simpson can have a cosy chat by themselves, and sit down in one of those pretty Summer-houses, and if he does not come to the point then, I declare I think I will give him up for ever."

"Write to him, if you like," said Bella; "if it is to be done, it had better be done at once; but, mind, I believe it will be of not the slightest use, he will go on just in the same way he has been doing for the last four years."

"Not if you behave yourself," returned Mrs. Brewster; "for goodness' sake don't say a word about being High Church, or going to the early service, or decorating the font, or any of those things; you know he hates them. You may keep all your fancies to yourself till you are married; then, of course, you can do what you like and let yourself out as you please. I suppose," continued Mrs. Brewster, plaintively, "I suppose I shall have to order in some wine and get something substantial for tea, but I declare this can't go on much longer. Wine is cheaper than it used to be, but still it costs money; so does cake, so do biscuits, so do pears and apples, and he always likes a little refreshment before he goes away, and I must have it ready."

Well! don't ask him," suggested Bella.

"Not ask him! of course I shall ask him," returned Mrs. Brewster, as she sat down to her davenport, and took out a fine glazed sheet of note-paper. "I know he admires you; does he ever run after Rosie, or sit by her, or talk to her? Never! He seems as if he almost disliked her; he never takes the slightest notice of any other girl when you are in the room, and I consider it my duty as a mother to invite him here."

So Mrs. Brewster dipped her pen in the ink and began as follows:

ELM LODGE, Thursday.

MY DEAR MR. SIMPSON: We were so sorry that we were not at home when you called last week. Bella was quite inconsolable. We do hope you will be able to come to us next Saturday. I know that is your only free afternoon. We are thinking of taking a walk to Scoresby, and then we can return here to a substantial tea. Trusting to see you then, and with kindest regards from my daughters,

Believe me, my dear Mr. Simpson, yours most sincerely,

SOPHIA BREWSTER.

"Shall we ask any one to meet him?" inquired Bella, as she finished reading this pronunction. "It will be fearfully dull, all by ourselves. Suppose we have the Millers opposite."

"The Millers indeed!" cried Mrs. Brewster indignantly. "Why, that would spoil everything. That Sam Miller, with his quizzical look, would ruin it all. No, I shall have no one but ourselves. A *tête-à-tête* is the only thing to bring matters to a climax."

Then Mrs. Brewster stamped her note, and directed it to "Jacob Simpson, Esq., National Bank, Dumblewitch," and after she had done this, she felt that she had at least attempted something that day, according to the excellent practical advice of the poet Longfellow, and had thus earned for herself a night's repose.

II.

The next morning Mr. Simpson's answer arrived. It was written in his stiff business hand, and yet a certain sempson of the lover could be detected in the pale mauve hue of the ink, and the delicate scent which emanated therefrom. He was very much obliged to Mrs. Brewster for her kind invitation for next Saturday, and he would be most happy to avail himself of it. With kindest remembrances to Miss Brewster, he remained "most faithfully, Jacob Simpson."

"There!" cried Mrs. Brewster triumphantly throwing the note into her daughter's lap; "there! you see he is delighted at being asked."

"Well! we're in for it now, I suppose," said Bella, as she retired to her room to arrange her toilet for the coming campaign.

Precisely as the clock struck three on Saturday afternoon, Mr. Simpson might have been seen knocking at the front door of Elm Lodge, and casting an attentive glance at the upper boughs of the solitary tree to which the house owed its name. Mr. Simpson had evidently taken some pains with his appearance, his frock coat was spotless, his grey trowsers and tall hat were nearly new out of the shop, and, to add still further to the festive character of his get-up, he had a dainty bouquet of geraniums in his button-hole, and a pair of grey gloves in his hand. The ladies were at home, of course, and, seated in the drawing-room; Bella arrayed in her new écru costume, which, though rather tight about the waist and shoulders, was still voted a capital fit, and the most becoming garment she had ever worn. Then she had a number of blue bows here and there, and the smartest little apron in the world daintily trimmed with lace. Owing to a masterly suggestion of Mrs. Brewster's she held a volume lent by Mr. Simpson, in her hand. Rosie, who was seated in the window, now announced the arrival of the expected guest.

"Here he is, mamma!" she exclaimed; "and I really do believe he must mean something today for he has actually got a bouquet in his button-hole."

"Hush! hush! my dear," answered Mrs. Brewster, smoothing down the folds of her dress complacently. "He will hear you; he is just at the door."

"Ah! Mr. Simpson," she cried, advancing to meet her visitor, who now made his appearance, "how kind of you to come to us! we were just expecting you, and congratulating ourselves on the weather."

"Yes," replied Mr. Simpson, drawing a cane chair close to Bella, and sitting down rather on the edge of it, after having carefully pulled out the tails of his coat so that they might not be crushed; "yes, the day is fine just at present, but the glass is going down; rain is expected before to-morrow."

"I hope the weather will keep up for our walk," said Mrs. Brewster. "Rain does spoil everything, and Bella is so fond of Scoresby, she always delights in going there."

"Have you been there often, Miss Brewster?" inquired Mr. Simpson, throwing a would-be tender glance in Bella's direction, and stooping slightly forward in his chair to listen more attentively to her answer.

"Oh yes, several times, but not very lately."

"Yes," said Mrs. Brewster, "we have put off going there once or twice, because we were hoping to have the pleasure of your company."

Mr. Simpson took out his large white pocket-handkerchief, plentifully sprinkled with patchouli, and wiped his yellow forehead.

"You are very good," said he sententiously, "but the presence of friends must always be a mutual gratification and delight."

Then there was a pause. "Is there anything new in the papers, Mr. Simpson?" inquired Mrs. Brewster, at last, feeling she ought to break the awkwardness of the silence. Mr. Simpson cleared his throat and replied that there was, that a most interesting and important correspondence had been going on between the Pope and the Emperor of Germany. Such a subject was just suited for Mr. Simpson to disclaim upon, and by the time he had enlarged upon his own views, and the views of his favorite paper, half an hour had slipped by, and Mrs. Brewster, glancing at her daughters, remarked that if they intended going on their excpedition it was quite time to get ready. So the girls put on their best hats with poppies and corn-flowers in the front, and the quartet set off—Bella and Mr. Simpson leading the way, while Mrs. Brewster and Rosie brought up the rear, followed by Joe, their Skye terrier, in full bark. A good mile and a half of dusty road had to be traversed before Scoresby was reached. For this mile and a half any flat commonplaces would do. No one could possibly expect to be inspired by turnpikes and hay-wagons—it was not in the nature of things; besides, a road is always to a certain extent public; one is liable to be jogged and jostled by milk-women, bicycles, girls' schools, and a hundred other things, all of which tend to interrupt conversation and disturb the mind. Mr. Simpson stuck fast to Bella's polonaises, never budging from it for a single instant, and Mrs. Brewster whispered to Rosie, "So far so good; he certainly was never more attentive than he is to-day."

And now the great iron gate of Scoresby came in sight, and Mrs. Brewster felt her spirits rise more than ever. True, there was a long expanse of avenue and garden to be passed and commented upon, but yonder, in that deep cluster of trees, yonder those love-inspiring Summer-houses were situated!

"Arn't those lovely borders!" cried Bella, pointing with her parasol, and already tired to death of her companion; "arn't those lovely borders, and don't the colors harmonize well with one another?"

"Beautifully!" exclaimed Mr. Simpson, with some show of enthusiasm; "beautifully!—that golden shade and that deep russet-brown seem to melt into each other. Pray have you studied botany, Miss Brewster?"

"No," answered Bella; "I only knew the common names of a few flowers. I don't know anything about them scientifically."

"Ah!" cried Mr. Simpson, "that is a pity, a great pity. Geology," he continued, with a wave of his hand, "geology is my favorite science." Here Bella groaned in spirit. "Geology opens up such interesting topics of inquiry, and is so enlarging and elevating to the mind. Have you ever happened to meet with *Hankcock's Religion of Geology*, Miss Brewster?" he inquired, peering anxiously into her face.

"No, I can't say that I have."

"You would find it deeply interesting. I don't know any work that I think more highly of; and Dr. Bushnell—Dr. Horace Bushnell—has been a most valuable contributor to that delightful branch of study. His works are particular favorites of mine. I have them all in my little library, neatly bound in green cloth. They require study, for they are deep, very deep, perhaps a *little* too deep for ladies; but I can answer for it that they amply repay attentive perusal."

"Ah?" said Bella, searching in vain for something appropriate to say, "I have never seen them."

"The information which they give about the different strata of rocks, about the periods to which they belong, about the fossils that are found there, is really surprising. Now the rocks about this place, what do you suppose they are?"

"I don't know, I am sure," answered Bella.

"They are igneous rocks; rocks that have been under the influence of fire, from the Latin word *ignis*, a fire."

"Dear me! how strange!" said Bella.

"Mamma," she continued, turning round to her mother and Rosie, who were loitering in the distance, "do you know that Mr. Simpson says the rocks about here are called igneous rocks, and that they have been under the influence of fire?"

"How very interesting! who would have thought it?" replied Mrs. Brewster, admiringly.

"Yes," said Mr. Simpson, "and that is only a very slight specimen of the great amount of information that Dr. Bushnell gives on every subject. He is an American, and I consider him one of the first writers of the day."

"I dare say he is," replied Bella, as they turned down one of the shrubbery walks. "Come, Mamma, come, Rosie, we are going this way. By the by, Mr. Simpson," she continued, "I have finished that book you lent me, *Henrietta Temple*. I have done it up in paper, and I must give it to you when we go in."

"Oh, any time, any time will do for that," answered Mr. Simpson, with a careless flourish of his umbrella; "and how did you like it, Miss Brewster?"

"Pretty well; but don't you think it is rather stiff and old-fashioned?"

"Stiff! old-fashioned!—not at all. To my mind the love scenes are absolutely perfect. Disraeli is, no doubt, an accomplished master of the pen; he at once seizes on the meaning of a thing. And what a difficult subject is that of love—it touches such a tender, such a responsive chord! Don't you think, Miss Brewster, don't you think that love should be the foundation of every home?"

"I suppose it should," answered Bella, feeling as children do when they are looking for something, and they are told that they are getting hot. Bella and Mr. Simpson were now just in front of the coziest of all cosy Summer-houses. It was temptingly situated in a hollow thickly planted with trees; the little table, ingeniously made of blocks of wood laid out in patterns, was surrounded by a seat made to match, and there was a narrow door overgrown with hops and ivy. "Don't you think it would be pleasant to rest a little?" suggested Bella, and Mr. Simpson assented, and following her in took up a position, as usual, on the very edge of the seat. What could be more love-inspiring than such a spot? The trees so thick and leafy, the birds chirping their cheerful notes, the tall hollyhocks waving their heads, and nodding encouragement as they looked in. "Now or never," thought Bella; and "Now or never," thought Mrs. Brewster and Rosie, from the rookery reached.

"This reminds me, Miss Brewster," said Mr. Simpson—"this reminds me very much of my sister's place in Gloucestershire. Her husband, Mr. Ibbotson, has a magnificent establishment there—*such* lawns, *such* pineries, *such* hot-houses, and *such* salmon in the Severn, which runs through the grounds. Do you like salmon, Miss Brewster?" he inquired, tenderly.

"Yes," answered Bella, as she pulled an ivy-leaf to pieces, and thought how different was the question that was expected to come; "yes, very much, indeed."

"Mrs. Ibbotson often sends me a present of some. Last time it arrived ready dressed, just as we were going to luncheon at the Bank, and I invited some of our people to take a share of it, and they all declared that they had never tasted anything so delicious in their lives."

"Really!" answered Bella. "I believe," continued she, "I have seen Mrs. Ibbotson—she is very like you, and you say she has such good taste in arranging her house and furniture?"

"Her taste, Miss Brewster, is perfect. All my sisters have good taste, but Belinda's taste is something quite unequaled and extraordinary."

"You sisters are all married?"

"Yes, Miss Brewster, yes, and my two brothers. I am the solitary unmarried one of the family."

Here there was a slight inclination to a sigh, and Bella was on the point of saying, "perhaps it is your own fault;" but her courage failed her, and she merely remarked that it must be very pleasant to belong to a large family.

"Yes, Miss Brewster, yes; but it has its disadvantages. One sometimes feels more isolated than ever in the midst of numbers."

"Marry come up!" Bella was ready to exclaim to her lagging suitor, who now, glancing away from the verge of tenderness, again relapsed into an ecstatic state of admiration about the beauty of Ibbotson Hall, which had been lately purchased by his brother-in-law, who was a rich cotton lord from Manchester. Bella, anxious to propitiate her admirer, tried desperately to keep up an appearance of interest which was far from genuine. At last she bethought her of a solitary arrow that still remained in her quiver. A sagacious female friend had once remarked that "whenever you want any one to come to the point say you are going away, and that is sure to clinch the business." So Bella now cleared her throat, and began—

"I am going from home the day after to-morrow, Mr. Simpson."

"Are you, indeed!" he cried; "but not for any length of time?"

"No, just for a week or so—to my uncle, Admiral Jones, who lives at Winderton."

"Ah! you must come home soon," said he, throwing one of his would-be tender glances from his pale, ferretty eyes; "you know we can't do without you."

Something *ought* to have come of this, but nothing came. The afternoon was now beginning to wear rapidly away, the clock had long struck 5, and still, in spite of the alluring surroundings of the Summer-house, Mr. Simpson had made no definite declaration of his sentiments, but actually was again returning to the dull waters of Dr. Bushnell, his sister's magnificence, and the library at the bank. In the meanwhile Mrs. Brewster and Rosie, whose hopes had been mounting higher and higher, decided that Mr. Simpson had had ample time to confess his matrimonial intentions, and so they descended from their rookery and announced to Bella and her admirer that it was time to go home. Tea was ready when they returned, and Mr. Simpson dispatched two platesfull of veal pie and a couple of glasses of wine, finishing up with a piece of muffin and a cup of tea, poured out by the fair hands of Bella herself. Now, the evening was to come on, but Mr. Simpson did *not* come on. In vain did Mrs. Brewster and Rosie skillfully retreat, and leave Bella and her companion sitting on the sofa. You might as well have tried to pump water out of a dry well as a proposal from Mr. Simpson. It was as much as Bella could do to refrain from yawning in his face; she loathed the very mention of Dr. Bushnell's name, and hailed the postman's knock as a welcome relief. He only brought a post-card for Mrs. Brewster, but still the incident made a diversion.

"Just a line from my brother, the Admiral, to say he expects Bella the day after to-morrow. Do you like post-cards, Mr. Simpson?" asked Mrs. Brewster.

"Well, I can't say I do; for business matters they may be convenient enough, but who would think of sending a tender message on one of them?"

"Who, indeed?" said judicious Mrs. Brewster.

"But you surely don't think," said Bella, "that the postmen read every post-card that goes through their hands?"

"I shouldn't wonder if they did, Miss Brewster, and then the servants—of course they peep at them; in fact, a post-card is, to a certain extent, public property, and the idea of exposing one's feelings in such a way is most repugnant to every delicate mind. I should consider it an insult if one were sent to me, except on an affair of business."

Very soon after this Mr. Simpson concluded his last platitude, drank his glass of wine, took up his copy of *Henrietta Temple*, promising to bring another volume from his library the next time he called, and bidding adieu to the ladies, he tripped lightly from the room.

"Well?" cried Mrs. Brewster, when the door had closed behind him.

"Well—nothing," answered Bella. "He never said a single word the whole day, that is, a single word that we want to him to say; he talked plenty of his foolish nonsense that I have heard fifty times before, about Mrs. Ibbotson, and geology, and all that, but he never, never came to the point."

"How provoking!" cried Mrs. Brewster; "and that veal pie was so expensive—I declare I don't think I shall ever buy veal here again."

"Not till the next time," said Rosie, laughing; "but I really did think he would have said something to-day."

"He ought to have done so," exclaimed Bella, with a yawn, "but he didn't; and I declare I don't know whether I am glad or sorry, for he is so dreadfully tedious and he is such an ugly little bore that sometimes I can hardly stand him."

"Bella!" said Mrs. Brewster, reprovingly, "let us hear no more of that." From which it will be seen that Mrs. Brewster still entertained the idea that Mr. Simpson would yet be her son-in-law.

III.

Elm Lodge, we have said, was a small detached villa. It was separated by a low stone wall from another small detached villa, exactly similar to it in every way, which was known as Shrubbery Lodge. Shrubbery Lodge was also occupied by a widow lady, Mrs. Miller, with her three daughters and her son. All these individuals happened to be looking out of the side window of their front parlor on that identical Saturday afternoon when the quartet from Elm Lodge sallied forth on their useless and dissappointing expedition. They watched the tall and imposing Bella go out of the little gate, closely followed by Mr. Simpson, flourishing his umbrella, and endeavoring to suit his jerky paces to those of his companion, and to straighten himself up so as to look taller than she was. They watched Mrs. Brewster in her somewhat threadbare black silk, and Rosie tripping beside her, and they were not long in drawing their own conclusions and surmising the state of affairs. As they viewed the party return, tired, dull, and rather grumpy, they grew still more interested in their neighbors' proceedings. When Mrs. Miller had retired for the night, the three young ladies and their brother sat by the window, and watched Mr. Simpson make his exit, and listened to the gate as it banged behind him.

"I doubt if it will ever come to anything," exclaimed the eldest Miss Miller.

"So much the better," observed her brother Sam, who was a stalwart red-bearded young fellow, ready to catch hold of any amount of stinging-nettles, and who had a lurking penchant for the magnificent Bella himself; "so much the better. That Simpson is a regular little sneak, and I can't bear the sight of him."

"I know Bella doesn't care about him," said one of the girls, "for she told me so herself; but still I think she would like him to be either on or off."

"That's just what he won't be," said Sam Miller; "he likes to be seen with Bella, because he thinks she is a credit to him, but depend upon it he will take good care not to commit himself in any way. He is a horrid little wretch. that's what he is; he is not a man at all, he is a thing."

"Now I just want to tell you of a plan that I have thought of," cried Lizzie Miller, as she carefully closed the door. "Wouldn't it be capital fun to send Mr. Simpson a post-card as if from Mrs. Brewster, charging him with having eloped with Bella! He is so solemn and matter-of-fact that he will be sure to take it in earnest, and will be frightened out of his life. It will be the best joke in the world!"

"Oh! do take care, Lizzie," cried her elder sister, "do take care of those practical jokes—remember the valentines."

"This is quite a different thing from a valentine," replied Lizzie. "I think it will be doing Bella the greatest kindness in the world, for if that stupid prig of a Simpson means anything, he must come forward after that; and if he does not, let him disappear, and I don't think any one will shed many tears. I do so want to take a rise out of him, and I know we can make a capital thing of it if we all put our heads together. Remember, Bella is going away on Monday morning, and that is so much the better, as it chimes in with our plan."

After some demurs and objections, the four Millers agreed to put their heads together, and after a good deal of scribbling and rescribbling, not one, but three post-cards were written. The first, supposed to be from Mrs. Brewster, was addressed to Mr. Simpson at his lodgings, and ran as follows:

"DEAR MR. S.: My daughter B. has disappeared most mysteriously. She is not with her uncle. Our anxiety is somewhat lessened by the thought that she must have eloped with you. Pray bring her back to us without delay, and all will be well.

Ever yours, S. B.

The second post-card was supposed to come from Bella's uncle, and was addressed to Mrs. Brewster.

DEAR S.: Is your daughter Bella with you? She is not with us. We think she must have eloped with Mr. Simpson. Write immediately.—Aug. T.

The third was also to Mrs. Brewster, and was supposed to be from Bella herself.

DEAREST MAMMA: I have gone off with my companion of Saturday. Don't be alarmed about me. I am perfectly safe and distractingly happy.

Yours, B. S.

This last was entirely composed by Miss Lizzie Miller, and was strongly objected to by her brother Sam, but she insisted that go it must and should. And so, early on Monday morning, the three cards were duly dropped into the pillar-post, and the conspirators anxiously awaited the result of their plot. At ten o'clock A. M., Bella and her trunk were driven to the railway station, and at three P. M. the postman began to make his round, and was duly seen knocking at the door of Elm Lodge. The Millers could hear a good deal of loud talking and running up and down stairs going on; and in about an hour Mrs. Brewster, somewhat flushed and excited, appeared at the door in her bonnet and cloak. She was just round to give some final directions to Rosie, when Mr. Simpson, panting, and more cadaverous than ever, arrived with a post-card crumpled in one hand.

"Mr. Simpson!" cried Mrs. Brewster in astonishment. "I was just on my way to look for you. Is it possible that my daughter Bella can have gone off with you? I have received a post-card——"

"Madam," said Mr. Simpson stiffly, "allow me to have a private interview with you;" and he walked into the parlor and shut the door.

"You speak of post-cards—*I* have received a post-card this afternoon, and it is from yourself. Do you recognize it?" and he handed it over to her.

"Certainly not," answered Mrs. Brewster; "I have never seen it before."

"After the remarks I made on Saturday about post-cards," continued Mr. Simpson, solemnly, "I cannot but think that it must have emanated from this house, and that it is a shameful hoax from one of your family. I elope with Miss Brewster! I, a business man! I to be held up to the ridicule of postmen and their subordinates! It is disgraceful, positively disgraceful! I never could have imagined such an unpleasant—such a frightfully embarrassing position."

"And what do you think of these?" asked Mrs. Brewster, producing the two post-cards which had come to her that afternoon; "I suppose you don't imagine that I wrote them to myself?"

Mr. Simpson perused them in silent horror. From Miss Brewster?" he exclaimed, "saying she has eloped with me! *with me!*—that she is quite safe and distractingly happy. From her uncle, saying that she is not with him, and that he supposes she has gone off with me. This is horrible—actually horrible. To have my name dragged before the public in this way, to be charged in no less than three quarters with such a monstrous accusation. It is more than I can bear. It literally staggers me. What is to be done?"

"Well, Mr. Simpson, I suppose you *have* some serious intentions with regard to my daughter?"

"None whatever, I assure you. I merely look upon her as a friend—a friend who seems to enjoy my society, and appreciate my conversation."

"Enjoy your society! appreciate your conversation!" repeated Mrs. Brewster, in a tone of utter scorn.

"And the fact is," continued Mr. Simpson, "I have met a young friend lately, less worldly and more serious than Miss Brewster, who I think would suit me far better; she has a pretty little fortune of her own, too, and I have reason to think she looks upon me with considerable regard and affection."

"Then the sooner you leave this house the better," cried Mrs. Brewster, throwing open the door. "You are no gentleman, Mr. Simpson—you are no gentleman. And though I believe those post-cards must be a hoax, yet I am very glad they came, because they have been the means of exposing you in your true colors. Go! and let me never see your face again."

And Mrs. Brewster, with the air of a tragedy queen, bowed the astonished Mr. Simpson out. He made an effort to say something, but it was no use; he had to sneak away like a beaten spaniel with its tail between its legs, and he never ate veal-pie or drank cheap claret within the walls of Elm Lodge again.

Mrs. Brewster's next movement was to set off, accompanied by Rosie, to her brother's place at Winderton, where they found Bella safe and well, and, before the evening was over, they all enjoyed a hearty laugh over the post-cards and Mr. Simpson's outraged propriety. Bella was not doomed to linger out her days in single blessedness, for very soon after the affair of the post-cards, Mr. Sam Miller emigrated to Queensland, and there he got on so well with his sheep-farming that he sent over for his fair neighbor to join him. She accordingly sailed in the next ship, and if she learns to do without new écru polonaises, perhaps it's as much the better. One thing is certain, she never regrets Mr. Jacob Simpson for a single instant. Mrs. Brewster always purses up her lips at the very mention of his name, and murmurs *sotto voce*, "that wretch!" She and Rosie live on comfortably at Elm Lodge, and it is now a matter of comparative indifference to her whether a shoulder of mutton last for four or for five days. She is still in perfect ignorance as to who wrote the three post-cards; but she considers it a very fortunate circumstance that they were written, as they were the means of bringing things to a climax, and revealing Mr. Jacob Simpson's real intentions and true character.—*Saint Paul Magazine.*

RACHEL.—Rachel was superlative in moments. In these she has probably never been equaled for intensity, even by Kean, the actor whose gifts and style most nearly resembled those of Rachel. She was not so great in her rendering of a character as an art whole. She husbanded her powers for her great effects; but when the moment for these came, her nervous energy and power of passion were terrific and sublime. She excelled in the demoniac. She was incapable of embodying womanly gentleness, nobleness, purity, sorrow. Her Imogen would have comes wholly demoniac. Rachel, in her moments, did not suggest art—she was a revelation. Her acting then transcended all conception, beggared all estimate. She became an apparition, a portent, an embodied passion raging in infra-human force and fury, with jealousy, hate, revenge, distended into madness, the only outcome of which was murder. She became possessed by evil spirits, which filled her with a power beyond all physical force. When first she appeared upon the scene in *Camille* ("Les Horaces") she was weak, fragile; she was a phantom of passion-worn pallor, with night-dark hair, and black, heavy eagle eyes; the voice was thin and husky; you feared that her physique would fail her in the terrible part; but as evil passions seized and held her she grew tall, strong, awful, and the voice became an organ thrilling with all the tones of the Halls of Ebliss. Sorrow and suffering produced no softness; her wrongs provoked only hate—a hate so full of fellcat purpose that even despair would have been too weak a passion for her raging storm of horrible intent. You feel that death might stop, but could not conquer, the indomitable will. You never thought—you never could think—in her great moments whether any part or passage could have been better, or otherwise rendered. You were absorbed into the sublime fury of the incarnate demon. Pity you could not feel; it would have been an insult to her sublimed frenzy of hate; but terror, awe-struck terror, which forgot the theatre, which ignored the actress, you did feel, as the cruel fascination of her evil and sinister rapture swept in lava-flood, or in whirlwind, over your possessed and laboring soul. Her awful defiant will, which rose in fiendish opposition against all attack, against every obstacle, resisted doom, and fought through torment to the last grasp against death itself. Royal in her satanic energy, queenly in her unyielding scorn, deadly in her fell and furious gloom, she never succumbed to the death which alone could overcome that tragic power of a wickedness so strong that it must simulate life. Unholy and dreadful, she moved before you as a vision, as a pale, lurid vision of satanic grandeur; as an abstract being which, through human forms, presented to human eyes the forces, fever, passions, the horror and the hate of hell. It were idle to analyze minutely Rachel in the different parts she played. They were not many in number, and did not present strong varieties of characteristics. She was great, not in character, but in passion. Her style was broad and noble. There was nothing realistic in her acting. She did not depend upon evolving subtle shades or delicate distinctions. She played herself. She poured into the mold lent her by the dramatist her own intense and glowing passions. She was the divinity of crime; the goddess of the immoral; the muse of tragedy. "The radiant Greek-souled artist," unique in her genius and her glory, informed with her own fierce sinister spirit the very essence of that dark drama which glories in revenge, which revels in hate, which dethrones the soul from its empire over fierce impulse. Idle, too, to seek to inquire into the life of the woman who was transfigured on the stage to such an artist. She had not the greatest dramatic productions in which to work. The English, the German drama, were not for her. She was restricted to the French classical Alexandrinated drama, and to the French tongue—which is not the noblest for tragedy—and she had, out of her own genius, to create what she did create from poor materials. She required parts in which the poet had not done too much, in order that she might fill up the meagre outline with herself. The parts for her must contain scope for powerful passion, or they were not for her. Her very love had something baleful in it; it was the love of the tigress, which may turn and rend. It had the pathos of that fierce animalism—not savage sensuality—which informs with instinct either love or hate. She would not have been so great in Shakespeare, even if he had created (as he has not) characters which suited her. The actress must not, Shakespeare, and not herself. Shakespeare has done so much, that acting has only adequately to express what the

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

PALM SUNDAY.

The triumphal procession from Mount Olivet to Jerusalem, in fulfillment of the prophecy of Zechariah, will be commenced to-day with so much of ceremonial as has come to us from the earlier days of Christianity. The observances of this festival have fallen a good deal into desuetude in modern times, and it is now principally in the Roman and Greek Churches that it is commemorated. The early Christians, however, attached great importance to it, and celebrated it with a bundant religious rejoicings as a day of special devotion. The blessing of the palms in the Roman Churches is now one of its principal features, and in the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's, at Rome, more especially this ceremony is accompanied by such mircumstance. In the earliest celebration of Palm Sunday there was a good deal in the observances in the nature of the sacred plays, and there were long processions, the central figure of which was a wooden imitation of an ass, which ran on wheels, and which certainly must have given a rather ludicrous aspect to the celebration. These commemorations must have been but a very indifferent imitation of the original picturesque procession which, the Scriptural accounts inform us, worked intense enthusiasm. Their principal features were that the people walking in procession bore palm branches, and sang hosannas, while the priest, in scarlet cope, sat upon the dummy figure of the ass. This rather ludicrous element in the celebration gave rise to much satirical comment in earlier times, and provoked a good deal of attack in the days of the Puritans. In olden times it was imperative that people should attend their parish church on Palm Sunday, and absence therefrom was only excused on the ground of sickness. When the palms were blessed by the priests they were duly distributed among the congregation, who preserved them with great care until the following year. Small bits of the blessed palm were carried home to those who were sick, and were suspended above their beds the belief being that these portions of the blessed tree would help them, either to a speedy recovery or to a happy death. The belief also existed that the palm branches afforded a sure protection against "Winter storms and thunders." In England the yew-tree was substituted for the palm, the climate not favoring the growth of that tree, but at present, the palm is oftentimes specially imported from the East for the occasion. It sometimes happens, too, that many of the worshipers obtain small pieces of palm, and carry them with them to church. The ceremonial of blessing the palms in Roman Catholic churches has quite an imposing aspect. Every one secures a sprig of the blessed palm before leaving, it being usually distributed from a large basket at the door of the church. The surplus is preserved by the priests until the following year, and is burned on Ash Wednesday, the ashes being used to sign the cross on the foreheads of the worshipers. The palm is emblematic of victory, and, in the antiquated language of Brand's *Popular Antiquities*, it is stated that all "Crysten people shlde bere palme in processyon in tokenyage that he hath foughten with the feude, our enmye, and hath the victory of hym." In this sense the term palmer was applied to pilgrims, the staves from the trees which they carried being considered emblematic of their victory over themselves.

DR. HALL'S CHURCH PROPERTY.

In Superior Court, Trial Term, Part I., before Chief Justice Monell and a jury, yesterday, the case of George H. Petrie against George W. Poillon was temporarily disposed of by a disagreement of the jury. The suit was brought to recover real estate agent's commission on the property on which Dr. Hall's new church is now being erected, at the corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-fifth street. It appeared by the testimony that the estate in question, consisting of eight lots, had been purchased a few years ago by Mr. Poillon for $85,000, and when sold by him in April, 1871, had increased in value to $350,000. The plaintiff, who was a member of Dr. Hall's Church and in the real estate business, took from Mr. Poillon a statement of the property and its selling price, with a view of effecting a sale of it, his intention being to sell it to the church, but without announcing his proposed purchaser to Mr. Poillon. Before any sale had been made, Mr. Robert Bonner and others of the Church Trustees, approving of the property as a site for the church, but fearing that if the purpose for which it was wanted became known to Mr. Poillon he would advance the price, purchased it in their own names for $350,000, and subsequently conveyed to the Church. Mr. Petrie, the plaintiff, claiming that the property had really gone to his intended purchaser, and that he had been prevented from effecting the sale directly only through the interposition of some of the Trustees, brought this suit to recover of the seller his commission, amounting to $3,500. On the part of Mr. Poillon, it was asserted that he had done nothing more than place the property in the hands of Mr. Petrie for sale; that the latter, after taking a memorandum of it, rested on his oars; never came to him to inquire if he made any advance in his price, although the property was of such a nature that it might at any time advance in price over night; that he (Petrie) had never, in fact, effected a sale to any one, and that in relation to Mr. Bonner and his associates, he was entirely unknown to the seller. The jury failed to agree, and were discharged, it being stated by some of them that all through their discussion in the jury-room, they stood eleven for plaintiff and one for defendant.

A TAMMANY CLUB SOLD OUT.

Yesterday morning the sumptuous household furniture and effects of the defunct Oriental Club were sold by auction at the club-house, No. 935 East Broadway. The Oriental is the second club organized in the Seventh Ward by the late followers of Tweed. The William M. Tweed Club, No. 105 East Broadway, was the first to succumb to the broad suggestion of an empty treasury and an indifferent membership, and now the Oriental has "busted." The sale of its effects yesterday was attended by a curious concourse of petty politicians, liquor-store proprietors, housekeepers, second-hand furniture-dealers, and a small representation of sorrowing ex-members. One of the latter, after gazing in sadness for some time on the photographs of the former shining lights of Tammany, which adorned the walls of the handsomely-furnished saloon, reverently turned the face of each toward the wall, drew a lump of chalk from his pocket and wrote on the backs, "Not to be Sold." Subsequently, while the auctioneer was soliciting bids for the American flag and the flag-staff on the top of the house, some of the persons individual reformed one of the tabooed photographs to its former position, and inserted a scrap of pape. between the glass and the frame, inscribing the picture as 4, 11, 44, on the catalogue. The following is a list of the principal articles sold at the auction: Two suites of parlor furniture at $98 and $93; bronze clock and figures, $55; a grand piano-forte and stool was purchased at $255, by Edward J. Shandley, the President of the club; two large French plate mirrors, and cornices, $65 a piece; Brussels carpets, 75 cents per yard; large American flag, $16 50; two billiard tables, $52 and $51; black walnut bar, $42 50, and numerous other articles comprising the furniture of a back and front basement and three upper floors. Acurious circumstance connected with the house of the William M. Tweed and the Oriental Clubs, is in the occupation of the rooms of the former as a Jewish synagogue immediately after its disorganization; and the proposed occupancy of the apartments of the latter by the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Library Association, which has leased the building for a short term.

ASSAULT ON SPECIAL AGENT JAYNE.

John P. Atkinson, a street broker, residing in Carlton avenue, Brooklyn, was committed for trial, at the Tombs, yesterday morning, by Judge Bixby, for assaulting Beniah G. Jayne, the well-known Custom-house Special Agent. Mr. Jayne stated that Atkinson had formerly been employed in the Custom-house, and was discharged for dishonesty. He subsequently gave information against several dishonest merchants, and was suitably paid for his services. He was then discharged altogether from Mr. Jayne's service. On Friday, when Mr. Jayne left his office in the Custom-house with Inspector Price, Atkinson, who had been lying in wait with an open penknife in his hand, jumped forward and made several thrusts of the knife at Mr. Jayne, who, however, caught his arm and took the knife from him. Mr. Jayne's statement was corroborated by several witnesses. Atkinson said that Jayne owed him $35,000 for services rendered, and that he asked for his money, when Jayne struck him with his cane. Justice Bixby decided to hold Atkinson for trial in default of $1,000 bail, which was promptly furnished by Mr. Jeremiah H. Sicdwell, of No. 266 Broadway. As Atkinson left court he said to Jayne, "This is a nice way for you to treat me, when I have done $150,000 for you." The trial will take place in Special Sessions on next Tuesday.

DERRY WALLS LOYAL ORANGE LODGE, NO. 2.

The annual meeting of the Derry Walls L. O. L., No. 2, for the election of officers, was held in their hall, No. 419 Fourth avenue, on Monday evening last. There was a large attendance of the members present. Brother James Hale, W. M., presided. The lodge having been opened in the customary manner, proceeded to the nomination of officers. Brother Hale was elected W. M. for the fourth time in succession. Brother James E. Henderson, D. W. M.; Brother Samuel Scarf, Secretary; Brother John Gillespie, Financial Secretary; Brother William Anderson, Treasurer; and Brother Rev. D. M. McCaffery, Chaplain. Brother William Reynolds was elected Foreman of the Standing Committee. After rounds of Keotian fire. It was announced that the committee were empowered to procure and furnish a large hall in a central part of the City for the head-quarters, before the 1st of May. The Master stated that the Order of the Black Knights of Malta were about to be introduced in connection with the Orange Order, and it was expected that the authority of the Grand Lodge empowering its introduction to the different lodges would be received in May. It was further announced that a newspaper in the interest of the Orange institution would be established, and that a meeting would be held on 9th of May for perfecting arrangements for the publication.

ALLEGED REVENUE FRAUDS.

THE SEIZURE OF PLATT, BOYD & CO.'S BOOKS—THE SAMPLE SUBTERFUGE.

Some time ago the books of the firm of Platt, Boyd & Co. were seized by the Custom-house authorities, on the ground that the firm was making false invoices, and that the proof of that fact was contained in the books. A motion was made yesterday, in the United States District Court, for the vacation of the warrants authorizing the seizure, and for the return of the books, which have been detained seven months, to the detriment of the business of the firm, as set forth in their application. United States District Attorney Bliss read the affidavit of Special Agent Jayne, stating that the books were not seized for oppression, or to make Platt & Boyd compromise the matter; also, that he held these books subject to the order of the court. The offense charged, he said, was the false invoicing of glass, and that the invoices were made out by the direct orders of the firm. He added that they had entered into a conspiracy to smuggle, and that they had made nothing except by smuggling. On behalf of Platt & Boyd, their counsel, Mr. Stanley, said that he did not desire to argue the question of smuggling, but the question of the legality of the seizure of the books and papers. Mr. Bliss then read letters which accompanied the affidavit of Jayne, wherein the firm had instructed their European agents to invoice goods as samples, in order to save the duty on them. Mr. Stanley objected to the letters and affidavit on the ground that they had been obtained in the judicial examination of another matter. The objection was overruled, and Mr. Bliss completed their perusal. He said the duty upon one kind of plate-glass is fixed by size; plates which contain 10 superficial feet or under, being charged with one rate of duty, while if they are an inch larger, they pay double the same fate. It is alleged by the Government that Platt and Boyd defrauded it of a large amount of duties, by directing where plate-glass was slightly over 10 superficial feet it should be invoiced as being less than that size, and that they then entered it under the false invoices so directed to be made. There were produced by the District Attorney extracts of letters written by the defendants, which seem to sustain this allegation. Thus, in one case they wrote to manufacturers when ordering a large amount of plate-glass of various sizes: "Be careful in charging not to charge us the ten lights, 56⅞ by 25⅞, and ten lights, 25⅞ by 23⅞, over 10 feet, in order to save us duty." With references to this order it should be borne in mind that plates of 10 superficial feet contain 1,440 inches, and that the glass referred to in the order quoted would, if invoiced correctly, be from ten to forty inches over the limit, and must therefore pay the double rate of duty. It is by invoicing them, the frictions are omitted, then the plates would fall about ten inches below the maximum of 1,440 inches, and pay the lower rate of duty. Another kind of fraud alleged by the Government is the omission from the invoices and entry of goods on which pay a duty on the value of large sums for charges, which, under the law, should be included as a portion of the dutiable value. On this point the District Attorney produced letters from the defendants to their correspondents directing such omissions, and the answers of their correspondents reporting that they had done so. Other letters produced show requests from the defendants to some of their correspondents to make out false invoices, together with their replies objecting to such a course. One of them writes: "Of course you are aware that we have to make a declaration on oath that no invoice different to the one we produce here will be furnished to any one, and that it is in every sense correct. Under these circumstances you will see that we cannot conscientiously carry out your request. For proof of another kind of fraud a letter was produced from one of the defendants' correspondents, in which they say: "The last-mentioned bill of lading says twenty-one boxes glass. This should be nineteen boxes glass, the other two cases being four dozen port wine for your Mr. Platt." Other letters show directions to send goods as samples so as to avoid duty; while a very large quantity of letters reveal a practice of importing gloves, stockings, dresses, bonnets, and all sorts of wearing apparel, which were smuggled ashore by subordinates on vessels, without paying any duties whatever. Perfumery, wines, liquors, game, and a most miscellaneous collection of articles of food were brought into the country in the same way, not once, but as a constant practice.

The counsel said that he was willing to surrender the books on stipulation that they would be produced in the trial instituted by the Government against these parties. Mr. Stanley said that they insisted on their legal rights. The seizure of the books he considered illegal, and had commenced suit against the author of that act. The act under which the seizure was made is unconstitutional, he argued, because books and papers can't be seized without due process of law, such as was not had in this case. The act authorizes seizures on *ex parte* statements, but provides no penalties for trying the rights of the seizure of the property. It does not require the name of the party to be mentioned in the warrant, and contains, he said, many other irregularities. Mr. Simons responded on behalf of the Government. He contended that the constitutionality of this act had been maintained in many cases which came before the Supreme Court of the United States. No adjudication to the contrary, he said, had been quoted by any one, and he showed that the act was in accordance with the spirit of all the laws that had ever been passed for the collection of internal revenue duties. He went over the different points raised by the opposing counsel, citing many authorities in support of the seizure, and of the act under which it was made. Such warrants, he said, in conclusion, had been issued from that court for years, with a full knowledge of all the laws bearing upon the subject, and it was as reasonable and as necessary, he added, that books should be seized as well as other property, and as well as the person, when good cause for doing so was shown. The Court reserved its decision.

CARD FROM THE COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

There was some excitement in the City Hall, yesterday, owing to a report that the Commissioners of Accounts had preferred charges against Controller Green, but it could not be traced to any authentic source. When the Commissioners heard of the rumor they promptly denied it by issuing the following card:

We have been informed that a rumor is in circulation that the Commissioners of Accounts have preferred charges against Controller Andrew H. Green.

We beg leave to say that said rumor is wholly unauthorized and without foundation.

JOHN WHEELER,
LINDSAY J. HOWE, } Commissioners of Accounts.

ANOTHER MASKED ROBBER CAPTURED.

Michael Lawless was arrested yesterday by Detective Lyon, of the Tenth Precinct, charged with having shot and dangerously wounded a man in Sangerties, N. Y., during a fracas in that village last week. After his arrest Detective Lyon obtained information tending to show that Lawless was one of the gang of masked burglars who visited and robbed the residence of Mr. Abram Post, at Emborght, near the village of Catskill, on the 17th of October last. Lawless, who denies his connection with this gang, was brought before Superintendent Mastell yesterday, and was remanded to the custody of Detective Lyon, to give the latter an opportunity of verifying the information in relation to the prisoner's complicity in the Post robbery.

EXCISE STATISTICS.

The following is a statement of the business transacted by the Excise Board during the week ending Saturday: Monday, March 23, eleven applications; amount received, $518 56. Tuesday, 24th, two applications; amount, $60. Wednesday, 25th, six applications; amount, $370. Thursday, 26th, two applications; amount, $130. Friday, 27th, six applications; amount, $350. Saturday, 28th, five applications; amount, $360. Total number of applications made during the week, thirty-two; total amount received, $1,788 50. Total number of applications since June 1, 1873, to date, 7,546; total amount received with same, $363,457 74. Licenses granted last week, 624; refused, twenty-one. Amount returned for refused licenses since last report, $76,000.

GAS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS.

The Commissioner of Public Works opened the following bids yesterday for supplying the public offices and departments with gas: Harlem Gas-light Company, $3 per 1,000 feet; New-York Mutual Gas-light Company, $2 75 per 1,000 feet; Manhattan Gas-light Company, $2 75 per 1,000 feet; Metropolitan Gas-light Company, $2 75 per 1,000 feet; New-York Gas-light Company, $2 75 per 1,000 feet. The Commissioner also opened the following bids for replanking the pier foot of Vesey street: Joseph Welsh, $2,400; John Meighan, $4,400; A. C. McKenzie, $5,760. No awards were made.

CHARGE AGAINST AN AUCTIONEER.

Mr. Johnson, an auctioneer doing business in Nassau street, appeared before Col. Farrell, the Mayor's Private Secretary, yesterday, to answer a complaint preferred against him by Daniel McFarland, who shot Albert D. Richardson, of the *Tribune*. Mr. Chas. S. Spencer appeared for the plaintiff. Mr. McFarland was the only witness called. He testified that the defendant had charge of the sale of the personal effects of his brother, after his death, and had property of his brother at the sale of ten per cent. [illegible] realized from the sale was $1,520 02, but the amount returned was only $1,220 02. At the final settlement the defendant charged over $300 for storage, advertising, commissions, fees, &c., and offered witness only $200 of which he refused. Mr. Johnson said that he carried out his contract, and asked a postponement of the examination, so as to enable him to employ counsel. His request was granted, and the case was adjourned until to morrow.

THE PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

An adjourned meeting of the Committee of Grain Receivers of the New-York Produce Exchange and railway representatives, was held at the Exchange building yesterday morning, to further consider the rules adopted by the Exchange relative to grading and inspecting wheat. Mr. L. M. Holman, Chairman of the committee, presided, and the following members of the Exchange were present: Messrs. Franklin Edson, President of the Exchange; G. C. Martin, L. Hasseltine, Jr., Jno. M. Hughes, Harvey E. Hicks, Henry T. Kneeland, F. D. Moulton, John H. Hickox. Railway interests were represented by Mr. J. H. Rutter, General Freight Agent, New-York Central and Hudson River Railway; R. C. Vilas, General Freight Agent, Erie Railway; A. A. Gaddis, Erie Railway; S. B. Ringston, General Freight Agent, Pennsylvania Central Company, and H. H. Husted and J. L. Gossler, of same road; O. T. Geer, General Agent, National Star Line; John H. Starin and P. O. H. McCarten, of the Hudson River Towing Association. The rules of the Exchange were discussed at length. Rule 17 was adopted with the understanding that the inspector in chief shall keep duplicate records of grading, number of cars, name of consignee, &c., for the use of railway and consignee. The rule, as finally adopted, is as follows, excepting the last clause, which is left open for further consideration:

RULE 17. The Grain Committee of the New-York Produce Exchange shall appoint an inspector in chief with a deputy for the terminus of each railroad, whose term of office shall be subject to their pleasure. The duties of the inspector shall be to grade the wheat on its arrival, marking the grade on the side of the car in chalk, and keeping a record in a book provided for that purpose, of the numbers of the cars, names of the consignees, and the grade of the wheat. For the purpose of facilitating the labors of the inspector, consignees may furnish inspector's certificate from any of the lake ports, which shall be evidence of the grade, and shall be accepted by him without further inspection. All wheat arriving from points where no system of inspection has been adopted, shall be graded and inspected, the grades being made to conform as near as practicable to grades known on this market coming from the lake ports. For the inspector's guidance standard samples shall be furnished by the Grain Committee. The railroad companies to pay said inspectors for their services.

Rule 18 was amended and adopted, after discussion, as follows:

The chief inspector shall appoint a deputy or deputies at the terminus of each railroad, whose term of office shall be subject to the pleasure of the Grain Committee. The duties of the said deputies shall be to supervise the weighing of wheat in the cars, on the track scales; to see that the cars are swept clean while unloading, and to keep an accurate record, in a book provided for that purpose, of the weight of the car, loaded and light, its number, the grade of wheat, and the name of the consignee. The railroad companies to pay said deputies for their services.

Rule 19 was then taken up and considered section by section. Section 1 was amended and adopted. Section 2 was approved but not adopted. Section 3 remains open for further consideration, having been debated at length at both meetings without being agreed upon. The rule now in force requires carriers to deliver wheat as per scale weights, provided there be only one towing, claiming that when wheat in a boat load is the property of more than one consignee the owners shall pay for extra towing and demurrage. Rule 19, as amended, is as follows:

For the purpose of facilitating the prompt delivery of wheat as fast as it arrives, the railroad companies shall be permitted to put together on boats any wheat of the same grade on the following conditions: 1. That they will keep a record of the weight of the contents of each car, the grade of wheat, and the name of each consignee, and furnish each consignee with a list of the same when the boat is ready for delivery. 2. That they will collect freight based upon track and boat weights. 3. That they will guarantee to deliver the quantity as per scale weights, paying promptly for any deficiency, and receiving pay for any excess. 4. If the vessel cargoes brought from Buffalo or Erie shall be delivered to the consignees in boat-loads, without inspection, and unmixed with other grain.

It is likely that a meeting of the Exchange will be called soon to permit a full expression of the views of members on the subject of grading grain to be heard before the next conference of the committee of grain receivers and railway men is held, the time for the latter meeting having been fixed on Tuesday, April 7, at 10:30 o'clock A. M.

SALE OF AN OLD CHURCH EDIFICE.

The old church edifice located on Seventeenth street, a few doors west of Sixth avenue, at one time called the Church of the Disciples, and for several years past occupied by a congregation of Free Baptists, has recently been sold to Mr. Germon, builder, for $35,000. This ancient Quaker-looking structure, was built about sixty years ago, and is one of the oldest buildings in that section of the City. It has been used as a place of worship by several congregations, though erected at the instance of the Dutch Reformed Church. Twenty-five years ago the Methodists occupied the building, and somewhat later it was vacant for a long period. A bout nine years ago a congregation of Free Baptists purchased the church for $25,000, and have since worshiped in it, but finding the accommodations small, and the building ill adapted to their needs, they resolved to part with it. It had been charged, too, that the building was unsafe, and the Trustees deemed it advisable to sell at the price offered and to secure a new and more commodious place of worship. The old church will shortly be turned into a carpenter shop. Rev. Robert Cameron, Pastor, will preach his last sermon in this old church this evening. Hereafter the congregation will meet in the Church of the Disciples, on Twenty-eighth street, near Broadway, until otherwise provided for.

THE KINGS COUNTY SURROGATE'S COURT.

The following is a record of the business transacted in the Kings County Surrogate's Court during the past week: The will of George Fox was rejected. Letters of administration were granted on the estates of the following-named deceased persons, viz.: Daniel Boland, of the town of Flatlands; August Busse, of the town of New-Lots; Daniel Dougherty, Julia M. Harris, Genevieve Writtman, Thomas G. Catlin, Oliver E. Fox, Catharine Lawrence, Mary Powers, Wm. Davis, and George Fox, all of the City of Brooklyn. Letters of guardianship of the person and estate of William L. Harris were granted to Luther C. White; of Henry Winter to Henry Klein; of Thomas Lindsay and William Lindsay to John Fay; of Wilhelmina A. Brewer to Theophilus A. Brewer; of John Richards, Albert Richards, and William W. Richards to Moses H. Richards; of Barbara Eger and Matilda Eger to Anthony Eger; of John Stiner to Sarah Nichler, and of Augusta Lucas, formerly Augusta Porsue, to William Lucas, all of the County of Kings.

FOREIGN COMMISSIONS.

In the case of Horace B. Fraude against Emily L. Fraude, which in its features as disclosed on the record bears a remarkably striking similarity to the divorce case of Horace B. Fry against Emily L. Fry, already reported in THE TIMES, a decision was rendered yesterday in Supreme Court, General Term. The matter came before this court on appeal from an order made at Special Term in relation to foreign commissions to take testimony. It appeared that on behalf of plaintiff a commission had issued to take the testimony of a midwife in Nice, whom it was claimed had attended the defendant at the birth of an illegitimate child, but who failed to identify the defendant as the patient. Application was then made to the Supreme Court, in Special Term, for a commission to invoke the interposition of the French courts to compel a more searching examination of the foreign witnesses. This motion was denied, and from that decision the present appeal was taken. The court confirms the decision of the Special Term, holding that to adopt the mode proposed by appellants would be to subject our causes to the rules of evidence and modes of examination peculiar to each particular country to which a commission might be sent.

STATION-HOUSE LODGERS.

During the past week 6,889 lodgers were accommodated at the various Police Stations in this City, as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Saturday, March 21	693	277	970
Sunday, March 22	703	225	928
Monday, March 23	733	251	984
Tuesday, March 24	776	227	1,003
Wednesday, March 25	811	238	1,049
Thursday, March 26	797	238	1,005
Friday, March 27	816	214	1,030
Total	5,269	1,620	6,889

During the preceding week, 7,257 lodgers were reported, showing a decrease of 368 persons in favor of the past week.

THE CHAIN GANG.

The following-named prisoners were removed to Sing Sing during last week by Deputy Sheriffs Daly and Coughlin: Ellen White, larceny from the person, two years and six months; James Dorsey, robbery, first degree, two years; Thomas Mulholland, manslaughter, third degree, three years and six months; George Hutton, grand larceny, two years and six months; John Wagner, grand larceny, one year; Bernard Clappenberg, attempted murder, four years; Thomas Moore, alias Caleb Gunnion, burglary, five years; (Caleb Gunnion was formerly a companion of John C. Irving, and it is thought that if the latter was really connected with the Nathan murder, Gunnion had also a hand in it; he was arrested by Capt. Allairs, of the Twenty-first Precinct, while in the act of committing the offense for which he has been sent to the State Prison;) Charles Hilton, grand larceny, two years and six months.

BANKRUPTCY BUSINESS.

During the past two weeks petitions of voluntary bankruptcy were filed by Edward Williams, E. A. Kingman, Benjamin G. Bloss, Wm. W. Rose, Jr., Albert Wilkinson, Sylvester F. Best, and Charles F. Best. The following were adjudged involuntary bankrupts viz.: John Holt, Joseph M. Hill, Alfred P. Reynolds, Chas. E. Luff, Henry Wise, Henry R. Brassington, Frederick Montes, Andreas Montes, and Patrick Campbell. Discharges were granted to Nathan Schwab, Samuel Schwab, and Julius Johnsen.

MILITARY GOSSIP.

After a thorough trial it has been ascertained that "candle practice" cannot be satisfactorily carried out without entailing a greater expense than is warranted by the military appropriation. The Adjutant General has, therefore, directed the several commandants of the National Guard to omit that part of the course of instruction in rifle practice relating to "candle-firing." The Chief of Ordnance is said to have refused to issue any more fulminating cartridges for this purpose, as it has been ascertained that the use of them in this connection injures the shells so much as to prevent them from being refilled. Some of the regiments, however, are using the Springfield muzzle-loader, with which caps can be used. As several of the armories in the First and Second Divisions are fitted up for the practice, it will probably be continued for a time at private expense.

The First Troop, Washington Greys, assembled at the arsenal on March 16 for review and inspection by Major Gen. Morris. The troop paraded in full-dress uniform, presenting a fine appearance. The review and inspection were well conducted. At the close of the inspection, Capt. Wylie drilled the command for a short time. A committee of officers of this troop visited Senator Campbell at his residence, Woodbridge, N. J., on the evening of the 19th inst., and presented him with a set of resolutions handsomely engrossed and framed, as a testimonial for his assistance to the troop last Fall, on the occasion of a serenade to Capt. Wylie by the members of this command. Capt. Wylie, Lieuts. Barton, Rozelle, Byer, Batterson, and Secor formed the committee on presentation. Surgeon Fleming made the speech, which was responded to by Senator Campbell in a fitting manner.

The Third Cavalry, Col. Budke, commanding, paraded at the arsenal on Tuesday evening, for review and inspection by Gen. Morris. The command was formed in three lines, single rank, for review, the formation occupying the length and one side of the room. At the conclusion of the review an inspection of column, by company, was made, after which some few movements were executed in very good style, considering the limited space afforded for action.

The second reception of the Ninth Regiment took place at the armory on Wednesday evening. The regiment decided not to give a ball this year, but to hold two receptions in its place, both of which resulted in a manner highly gratifying to the members of the com mand. The Committee of Arrangements comprised the commissioned officers and several privates on the honorary staff, who exerted themselves to insure the success of the entertainment. The officers' and company-rooms were replete with floral decorations, the large drill-room being similarly adorned. The regimental band, in its handsome scarlet uniform, occupied a central position. Mr. Downing wielded the baton. About 2,000 people were present, prominent among them being Genls. Shaler and Woodward, Cols. Carl Jussen, Underwood, Major De Witt, and a number of members of the "Old Guard." Dancing commenced about 9 P. M., and was kept up until a late hour. Jesse A. Spencer, of Company K, died on Sunday, and was buried with military honors on Wednesday last.

The Tenth Regiment, Albany, has withdrawn from the Legislature the bill providing for a new armory, owing to the opposition offered by some of the "tax-payers of that city. Capt. Weidman, of Company F, was buried with military honors on Monday last. Company I elected Lieut. Fitzpatrick to be Captain, on Wednesday evening last. The left wing drill of this command was held on Thursday evening.

The Twelfth Regiment assembled at the State Arsenal, on Wednesday evening, for battalion drill. Col. Ward was in command, and exercised the regiment in the manual and several movements, concluding with a dress parade. Elections for Captains of Companies I and K will take place April 9. The club attached to this command held a meeting for practice at its room in the armory, Friday evening.

The Thirteenth Regiment drilled at the State Arsenal, Brooklyn, Thursday evening. Col. Briggs was in command. About 300 men were present. After executing several movements according to the manual, the drill terminated with a dress parade.

The Military Committee of the Board of Supervisors of Brooklyn held a meeting on Wednesday last, and amended the specifications for building an armory for the Thirteenth Regiment. Col. Julius W. Adams, Samuel Booth, and John French were present. Col. Jourdan has issued an order to the following effect: The regiment is directed to assemble at the State Arsenal, Portland avenue, in full-dress uniform, with white gloves, for review and inspection by Gen. Morris, on Tuesday, April 7, at 7:15 P. M. Those members who have not yet procured a full-dress uniform will appear in fatigue dress. Non-commissioned staff, band and drum corps are directed to report to the Adjutant at 7:30 P. M. The Colonel invites the attention of the command to the necessity for a full attendance. John Cronin, of Company C; James F. Rolfe and W. W. Williams, of Company I, have been discharged on account of physical disability. George Kuhl and Edward J. O'Flyn, of Company B, and Christian Merze, of Company K, have been honorably discharged. The following non-commissioned officers have passed the Board of Examination, and have received their warrants: Byron A. Beal, First Sergeant, and Robert Rae, Sergeant Company A; W. R. Huntington, Sergeant Company I; Charles A. Ernst, and R. Anerbach, Corporals, Company C; Albert A. Hodgkinson, Richard B. S. Grien, and William F. Knaip, Company I.

The Twenty-second Regiment, Col. Porter commanding, will assemble at the armory for inspection by Major Gen. Morris, on Wednesday, April 15. The officers and Sergeants of this command are ordered to assemble at the armory on Tuesday evening, March 31, at 8 P. M. Commandants of companies are directed to notify the officers and Sergeants in their command to appear in compliance with this order. The left wing drilled at the armory on Friday evening. Five companies, of sixteen files front, were present. Lieut. Col. Camp commanded, and exercised the battalion in several new movements according to the revised tactics. The weekly band concert will take place to-morrow evening. In addition to the usual *artistes*, Mr. Frank Bartlett, baritone, and Mr. J. C. Arlidge, flute soloist, will add variety to the programme.

The Twenty-third Regiment, Col. Ward commanding, are directed to assemble at the armory in full-dress uniform, on Friday, April 17, at 8 P. M., for inspection and review by Major Gen. Morris, in addition to the armory for all persons not members in full uniform, will be by tickets. The field and line, and non-commissioned officers, and commands, will assemble at the armory in fatigue uniform, (white body and cross-belts,) on Friday, March 27, Tuesday, April 7, and Friday, April 10, at 7:45 P. M., for drill and instruction. The Drum Major is directed to detail two drums for each evening. The next concert will take place on Tuesday evening, April 7.

The Thirty-second Regiment, Col. Roehr commanding, is ordered to assemble at the armory, in fatigue uniform, for drill and instruction, as follows: Right wing, Companies A, B, D, and G, April 1 and 8; left wing, Companies E, F, C, and H, April 3 and 10, at 8 P. M. The entire regiment is ordered to assemble at the armory, on April 17, at 8 P. M., for review. The financial status of the regiment is good, as shown by the yearly exhibit. The receipts from all sources amount to $2,233 68; the balance remaining on hand Jan. 1, was $112 16. Col. Roehr, in his order, urges the members of this command to exert themselves in the matter of recruiting. As recruits are now fully uniformed without expense to themselves, it should be comparatively easy to add new members to the command. Company F, "Roehr Guard," will take part in a dramatic representation of the "Fall of Richmond," at Turn Hall, Williamsburg, April 16.

The non-commissioned officers of Company I, Forty-seventh Regiment, gave a calico hop, on Thursday evening, at the new armory in Colyer street. A large number of guests were present, the ladies appearing in calico dresses, the gentlemen varying the regulation dress by wearing neck-ties of similar material. Dancing commenced at 9 P. M., the music being provided by the regimental band. Sergt. Wm. H. Conner gave perfect satisfaction in the discharge of his duties as floor manager. Col. David Thompson, Capt. Lee Nutting, Surgeon W. G. Richardson, and others were prominent among the guests. The regimental officers, in connection with those of the Thirty-second and Twenty-eighth Regiments, and the Separate Troop cavalry, held a meeting on Monday evening in reference to the moonlight parade. It was decided to change the date from the 2d to the 23d of April, to enable the Thirty-second Regiment to participate. It is expected that fully 2,500 men will be in line, and every effort will be made to insure the success of the parade. The officers of this command at a meeting on Thursday evening, decided to co-operate with the Burns Association in holding a grand Charity promenade concert on April 13 at the Fourth street armory. A detachment of 400 men from the Seventy-ninth Regiment, of this City, under command of Major Lang, will give an exhibition drill, in full Highland costume, on that occasion. An escort, composed of officers of the Forty-seventh, headed by a band of music, will meet the Seventy-ninth at the ferry and accompany them to the armory. The resignations of Chaplain Bernard Peters and Lieut. Jesse Wilkinson have been accepted. Capt. E. A. Perry's commission has been received at head-quarters.

Lieut. Col. Stetson, late in command of the Seventy-ninth Regiment, left for the South last week. The regimental band tendered him a serenade at his residence previous to his departure. Major Lang is now in command of the regiment.

The proceedings in reference to the case of Gen. Funk, Col. Stauf, and the subordinate officers of the Ninety-sixth Regiment have not yet been received by Gen. Shaler.

The Howitzer Battery, Capt. J. F. Simons commanding, are directed to assemble in full-dress uniform, with white gloves, at the State Arsenal to-morrow evening, for review by Col. W. H. H. Beebe, Chief of Artillery. Members not provided with full dress may appear in fatigue uniform. Non-commissioned officers are directed to make their returns on or before the 30th inst.

The "United Train of Artillery" announces its ninety-ninth reception to take place at Howard Hall, Providence, on Wednesday, April 22. Military guests are requested to appear in uniform.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—MARCH 28.

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—10 A. M.

600	West. Union	80⅛	100	Rock Island	107¼
400	do	80⅜	700	do	107⅛
100	do	80⅜	400	do	107⅜
500	do	80⅜	100	do	b30 107⅝
1400	do	80⅜	200	do	s3 107⅝
100	do	80⅜	300	do	c 107⅝
100	do	s. 80⅜	300	Union Pacific	36⅝
700	do	80⅝	500	do	36⅝
5	do	80⅜	1500	do	36⅝
900	do	80⅝	500	do	36⅝
100	do	80⅝	2000	do	36⅝
100	do	s3. 80⅝	300	do	s3 36⅞
54	At. & Pac. Tel	16⅛	300	do	b5. 37
200	N. Y. C. & Hud	101⅜	200	do	37
500	do	101⅜	300	do	s3. 37
1000	do	101⅜	300	do	37⅛
2100	do	101⅜	200	do	37⅛
800	do	101⅜	500	do	37⅛
1200	do	101⅜	200	do	c. 37⅛
200	Erie Railway	39⅜	700	do	37⅛
800	do	c. 39⅜	15	Mich. Cen	88
900	do	39⅝	300	Ohio & Miss	31⅝
400	do	s3. 39⅝	200	do	31⅝
200	do	40	300	Ohio & Miss	31⅝
100	do	39⅞	100	do	31⅝
200	Pac. Mail	c. 48	200	do	b3. 31⅝
600	do	48	100	At. & Pac. Pf	77
200	do	48	500	North-west	57
300	do	s3. 48	700	do	s5. 57
400	do	47⅞	800	do	57⅛
400	do	48	200	do	57⅛
200	do	47⅞	100	do	b3. 57⅛
500	do	47⅞	400	do	57⅛
1400	do	s3. 48	200	do	57⅛
400	do	48	100	do	57⅛
100	do	48	100	do	57⅛
100	American Ex	62½	500	do	57⅜
10	do	62½	500	do	57⅜
100	Mich. Cen	b. 87	1200	do	57⅜
100	P.M.S.S.Co	b.c. 47⅜	300	do	57⅜
200	do	47⅜	200	do	57⅜
200	do	47⅜	400	do	57⅜
300	do	47⅞	100	do	57⅜
200	do	s3. 47⅞	200	do	57⅜
300	do	47⅞	100	C. & A.	b. c. s10 106¾
1500	do	47⅞	5	C. & A.	Pf. b. c. 107
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It is greatly to be hoped that the labors of the Chamber of Commerce to secure the establishment of some efficient system of arbitration of differences arising between merchants may not fail of success. The task is, of course, a difficult and delicate one, but its importance is so great that it ought to be possible to try some reasonably promising experiment toward its accomplishment, even if it is not entirely without objection. The work is one on which experience will throw a great deal of light, and it ought to have at least a beginning made in it. It is not to be denied that, in many mercantile cases, the operation of our present legal system is nothing but a denial of justice. Our courts are so crowded, the practice in them is so complex and technical, the progress of adjudication is so slow, the expense of professional counsel, added to the costs of court, are so great, there is so much delay even in simple cases, and there are so many resources by which a final decision can be evaded by a defeated party to a suit, that for the settlement of ordinary cases, arising constantly in every-day business, the courts are practically useless. We have in mind at this moment a case now before the Court of Appeals, involving only some $1,900, in which the principle on which the plaintiffs' claim rests has been distinctly affirmed, but which, owing to technical difficulties, has twice made the long and costly journey from the jury to the Bench of Appeals, until now the costs are a good deal more than the original amount. It is a case which any clear-headed and impartial arbitrator could have settled with justice to all concerned in twenty-four hours, and with almost no expense. Such cases are not now exceptional; we hope that no slight obstacles will be allowed to bar the way to the establishment of a system which will make them not only rare, but practically impossible.

While Mr. ALVORD is waiting for the editors and proprietors of the New-York papers to appear before his "Salt-Fish" committee, he may amuse himself, and perhaps afford the public some information, by getting the members of the Railroad Committee to tell him what they know about Mr. VANDERBILT building rapid-transit roads. It is generally supposed in this City that this is not the first Legislature VANDERBILT has made to serve his purposes in this matter, but that he got a charter for a road some years ago which was to be built immediately. Everybody knows it never was built, nor the first step taken toward building it. The members of the Railroad Committee may have received some satisfactory guarantee that VANDERBILT intends his new charter to have some other effect than to prevent this City from obtaining rapid transit. If so, the people will be delighted to hear it. But in the absence of convincing information they prefer to base their judgment upon the experience of the past. All the uproar made by all the Lincolns and Alvords in the State will not deter the people of this City from demanding rapid transit. They will insist upon knowing why the Railroad Committee preferred VANDERBILT'S scheme to others in which they had more faith. We hope Mr. ALVORD will cordially "invite" the members of the committee to appear before him and speak plainly upon this point. He is not likely to get any other witnesses with half the knowledge on this subject.

An election being close at hand in Connecticut, the *World* takes pains to misrepresent the position of one of the Republican Congressmen of the State, with the hope of thereby carrying some grist to its party mill. Public sentiment in Connecticut, as generally in the East, being against inflation, the *World* takes Gen. HAWLEY as a representative Republican, and seeks to show by his votes that he is an inflationist. The fact is that Gen. HAWLEY voted constantly with the anti-inflationists; voting first for the amendment of Mr. DAWES, limiting legal tenders to $356,000,000, next for the proposition of Mr. E. H. ROBERTS, placing the limit at $382,000,000, and finally voting against the $400,000,000 bill. His second vote is held up to the people of Connecticut as a proof that the Republicans favor inflation, but in casting it Gen. HAWLEY was in company with all the contractionists in the House, who were endeavoring to get the best they could under the circumstances, and were entirely justifiable in the course they pursued. The Democratic Party in Connecticut must be in a very desperate condition when the *World* endeavors to help it by a gross perversion of facts, as it has done in this case.

The Police should be held to a strict accountability for any arbitrary or unlawful use of their powers, but they should be fully supported by the authorities against the dangerous classes. In this city the Police have to deal with desperate ruffians, and it frequently happens that in these encounters policemen are killed or maimed. In such cases the assailants should be promptly and severely punished. An instance of this kind occurred yesterday in the Eighth Precinct, when Officer QUIGLEY was dangerously wounded by an outlaw because he refused to release a prisoner he had arrested for larceny. We hope no effort will be spared to bring the desperado to speedy trial. Not long ago a policeman was killed in this same precinct while in the discharge of his duty, and it is evident that the criminal classes, in that portion of the City at least, are greatly in need of the most severe discipline of the law.

Judging from the general management of the road, it is quite probable the Erie Railway Company has treated its employes at Susquehanna, Penn., very badly, and in the absence of full information the public will be disposed to excuse the strike for back pay which is now prevailing. But the strikers cannot be justified in all their proceedings. Stopping all communication between the East and West on a trunk line is a matter of serious consequence, and this is what the strikers have done. Not only have many freight cars, containing a large amount of property, been seized, but passenger traffic has been interrupted, and many emigrants are detained who must depend for food upon the chance charity of the neighborhood. This condition of things calls for a swift and effective remedy, and Gov. HARTRANFT has been requested to interfere. These employes can certainly find sufficient property of the Erie Company which may be legally attached to secure their wages. But in any case, they should not be permitted to collect their dues by inflicting great loss and inconvenience upon the general public.

No decision has yet been reached by the Massachusetts Legislature upon the Senatorship. The changes in the vote of the several candidates yesterday, compared with those of the previous day, were plainly due to absentees, for nobody gained any, while Mr. DAWES lost seven, Mr. HOAR three, Mr. CURTIS six, and Mr. ADAMS two. The balloting, therefore, shows no change in the relative strength of the contending parties; but it is not probable that the struggle can be protracted much longer. As we said yesterday, the Democrats appear to be masters of the situation, to the extent that it is within their power to elect a Senator by a coalition with the supporters of either DAWES or HOAR. It has now become evident that neither of these gentlemen can command a majority vote, and we may expect a break in the lines at an early day in the present week. Whether it will be in favor of Mr. ADAMS or Gen. BANKS, or of some entirely new candidate, cannot be determined from present information.

ABOUT FACE.

If American government is to continue to be a thing of which we can feel as justly proud as we have formerly felt, one of two things must come about—either the demands made upon it by the people must be lessened and changed, or the machinery of Government must be materially altered. There has been for the last twelve years a tendency—more marked at some periods than at others, and considerably checked at times, but on the whole a tendency constantly strengthening—to lay on government in America burdens which it was not intended to bear, which it is not fitted to bear, and which have submitted it to very great strain. We do not now refer wholly to the Federal Government. Indeed, we are not sure that the tendency is not more decided in the sphere of the State and the municipality than it is in that of the Union. It is certainly very great in all. If any one of our readers who voted, say, for Mr. BUCHANAN or Mr. FREMONT for the Presidency, will turn over in his mind the present demands on the National Government, which at that time would have been deemed extravagant or absurd, we think he will find their number much greater than one who had not made the comparison would have supposed. We are now accustomed, for instance, to a Government which provides one-half the currency by which business is carried on, and guarantees the soundness of the other half; which regulates the amount and character of our bank reserves, the places where they shall be kept, and the rate of interest that shall be charged for bank loans; which does not, when necessary, hesitate to conduct the business of the Treasury with the purpose of affecting the premium on gold and the price of loanable money; and which, in its legislative branch, discusses finance, not with reference to the old-fashioned questions of how much expense is to be met and how much revenue to be raised, but with reference to the question how much currency the country needs, and whether the West and South ought not to be provided with more at the expense of New-York, New-England, and Pennsylvania. These things would have seemed incredible to the generation trained by WEBSTER, and including the followers of Mr. DOUGLAS.

Nor is it in connection with the finances alone that the National Government has added and is asked to add enormously to its functions. It has became an investor in trans-continental railways; it is considering its power to fix the rates of passenger and freight charges on our railroads; it is asked to improve the channel of the Mississippi, to build a canal around the delta of that river, another across the Cumberland and Alleghany Mountains, another from the Ohio to the sea, another around Niagara Falls, and finally to make the Erie Canal a ship-canal, and to generally assume the task of providing cheap transportation for men and things from all parts of the continent to most parts of the world, civilized and otherwise. One of its Cabinet officers proposes that it shall assume the business of telegraphing for the entire country; members of Congress are in favor of its establishing savings banks; it already has a Department of Agriculture and another of Education; a national university is agitated; a Commission of Inquiry as to the labor question, and another for the temperance question, are earnestly supported, and there is a very strong movement on foot to engraft on the Constitution a declaration of religious belief. The original theory of our National Government was that it was to have defined powers, intended to embrace only those subjects which combined individual effort could not reach, and which pertained to the general welfare. It was to do only what could not be done without it. The modern theory is very different. It is that the National Government may properly be asked to do whatever it is not *convenient* to get done without it.

The same change of ideas is noticeable in our local Governments. These actually do much more than formerly, and are continually besieged to do much more than they do. They maintain higher grades of public instruction; they provide expensive and luxurious roadways; they establish parks; they furnish, in many cases, public baths, and, in some, places of amusement; they take stock in railways and loan the public money to private enterprises. In extreme instances they have licensed houses of prostitution, and undertaken to secure profligate men from the diseases to which their profligacy exposes them. They support industrial exhibitions, and take direct share in commercial rivalries; and, if they yielded to one half the importunities with which they are pressed, they would be found meddling with the minutest affairs, and controlling the most strictly personal interests.

Now the objection to this steady enlargement of the field of Government activity, is that the various Governments are not constructed in a way to fill so large a field. The method by which officers are chosen does not secure men fitted for so much work, or for work so complex, so difficult, so extensive. The voters do not look for men qualified for it. They will not, as a rule, take them when they can be found. They choose their officers for something else—for personal popularity, for fidelity to certain defined party principles, for their views on some particular question, but very rarely for that capacity for varied business, for that experience, training, tact, and versatility which are required to attend successfully to the duties that are being crowded on all officers. Either we must choose our officers differently—*i. e.*, on account of different qualifications, from different motives, for longer terms—we must give them a different tenure of office and better chance of training, and we must hold them to a strict responsibility, or else we must withdraw some of the extreme demands we are constantly making on them. And that this necessity is making itself felt is plain from the nature of the constitutional changes recently made in several of the more important States, and proposed in others.

A GOVERNMENT OF OFFICIAL DISCORD.

Anything is better than the Ring system in Municipal politics. It is perfectly obvious that were three or four of the most powerful departments in this City to be run with a perfect mutual understanding by bold, unscrupulous men, there are no checks which could possibly be devised that would save the public from being plundered. The perpetual bickerings that enliven the conduct of Municipal affairs, give us a certain invaluable security that the things done in a corner to the public prejudice, and beyond the region of public knowledge, are comparatively few. The Kings of Prussia have been the best served potentates in Europe, because they made each of their Ministers responsible to themselves alone, and so rendered the existence of their Cabinets independent of any known law of political or personal cohesion. There is no particular reason why the people of New-York should not retain their servants on the same basis.

Obviously, however, there are limits to the power of official squabbling to neutralize greater abuses. Blundering is sometimes as costly as plundering, and official controversies usually start from somebody's blunder. Take the case of that remarkable body, the Commissioners of Accounts. The charter evidently intended that these gentlemen should make an annual circuit of the various departments, subjecting their books to the scrutiny of skilled accountants, and making such suggestions as might be found necessary for the improvement of their records of current business. At the present rate of progress, the Commissioners will hardly be able to furnish the present generation with a completed statement of their labors. They have been engaged for about eight months in the Finance Department, and there is nothing to warrant the belief that they will not remain there for eight months longer. In fact, the current business of the department seems to proceed faster than the Commissioners are able to follow it, and they and their clerks may probably be found in 1876 vainly endeavoring to finish the record for 1874.

When, several months ago, the Commissioners raised a false alarm about the mode of keeping the securities of the sinking fund, people excused the temporary injury inflicted on the City credit on the ground of the inexperience of the Commissioners. But they ought, by this time, to have learned something of their business, and ought to have become alive to the fact that it is their duty to discourage wanton attacks upon the City credit, and to furnish the basis for an intelligent opinion about Municipal liabilities. Yet the second report of these Commissioners, now in the hands of the Mayor, was yesterday made the occasion of sensational announcements of grave charges against the financial management of the City, and of gross irregularities in the mode of keeping its accounts. This news gets telegraphed all over the country and is made the basis of comments calculated to do infinite damage to the credit of New-York. Everybody knows how easy it is to start a falsehood of this character, and how difficult it is to overtake it. The information of the first news generally sticks, however promptly it may be corrected.

The Commissioners may not be responsible for the announcements made public yesterday, but they are responsible for giving them a kind of antecedent probability. The New-York *Herald* has contained, for a week past, mysterious statements that something of a startling nature would shortly be forthcoming in regard to the financial condition of the City. Were these made simply on the authority of that paper, they could be of no possible consequence to anybody. But they were made directly on the authority of the Commissioners of Accounts, whose official position gives them access to every detail of Municipal book-keeping. When the matter is inquired into, it is found that an "intellectual jintleman" from the *Herald* is informed by the Commissioners of Accounts that there is somewhere an error in the debt statement of about $665,000. Of course, the news gets still further distorted before it reaches the public, and so the ground is prepared for still further sensational announcements on the same subject. The fact is that the Controller's statement of the debt on Dec. 31 is absolutely correct, and that the report of the Commissioners so testifies. Some two millions of bonds fell due on that date and warrants were drawn for the entire amount. At the close of business for the year, $665,000 of these warrants had not been called for by the City's creditors, but the book-keepers of the Finance Department rightly concluded that after the checks were drawn the obligation was liquidated, and the bonds were entered as paid accordingly. The Commissioners of Accounts thought they had stumbled over a blunder when they had merely blundered themselves.

So with the statement about what is called the "floating debt" of the City. It seems that the Commissioners have made that out to be about $13,000,000. Now the fact is that neither the Commissioners nor anybody else can tell what is the amount of the debt. Scores of people may have in their pocket pieces of paper bearing the signature of TWEED, or any of his confederates, binding the City for thousands of dollars. It is equally immaterial to the City whether the "claims" have been actually presented for payment or not. They are a proper subject for investigation by the courts, and they do not constitute a debt against the City until some competent official or judicial authority has so decreed. It would appear that the Commissioners have taken a list out of the *City Record* of all claims now being defended by the Corporation Counsel, have copied duplicate statements of the very same claims when they found them in the Department of Finance, have, in some cases, included claims already paid, and, to make the hodge-podge complete, have added as "floating debt" balances on contracts for work not yet performed! With all respect for the valuable services which may be performed by the Commissioners of Accounts, it is clear that, so far, they have only succeeded in showing a talent for blundering and a great capacity for aiding the enemies of reformed government in throwing suspicion around the conduct of City finances.

ACTORS AND CHARITY.

The active benevolence of the general population of New-York is a fact which did not need the poverty of the past six months to demonstrate. Indeed, as we can now see, New-York's benevolence is very apt to err upon the side of imprudence. But the enthusiasm with which the public have entered into every scheme of practical charity, whether well considered or not, must always be remembered to its credit, and its virtues of generous commission will, we hope, vastly outweigh its sins of omission. One class of the benevolent are not usually included in New-York's, nor, indeed, in any city's general population. This is that much-misunderstood section of society which professionally ministers to our amusement. Yet in times of deep distress like the present, the players are always among the deepest sufferers. The sources from which they derive their incomes are the first to be undermined by financial disaster. The commodities they offer in the market at such seasons are never quoted at any price. The public must, be times good or bad, have the necessities of life. The luxuries they can and will dispense with, especially the luxuries furnished by actors, are the first to be curtailed. The professors of many other arts depend for patronage and appreciation upon the rich alone. The actors' public, not only in New-York, but throughout the country, is composed principally of the middle and lower classes of society, and, distress or the necessity for economy falling upon them, the actors' audience is gone, and they become among the bitterest, but most uncomplaining, sufferers of the time. Again, the actor's season is a limited one; at most he has nine months in the year in which he can be employed. The Summer months find four-fifths of the theatres throughout the country closed, and even after the most successful season, the average actor must exercise the greatest ingenuity to exist during his months of enforced idleness.

To the ordinary sufferers by the financial distress, the worst is over. Charity has helped them through the Winter, and with the Spring and Summer comes hope of employment and better pay. With the actor we have exactly the reverse of this. His time of harvest is past, and with the approaching Summer comes the prospect of even greater privation; and to those fortunate ones who during the past season have been in receipt of half salaries, appears the speedy prospect of no salaries at all. Mr. JOHN BROUGHAM recently pointed out the present condition of the American Dramatic Fund. This society was started many years ago with the most brilliant prospects. At the present day it is able to allow the legal claimants on its funds $1 25 per week. This fact alone ought to be sufficient to impress upon the poorer members of the dramatic profession the necessity of prudence, and upon the richer ones the timeliness of devising some sensible method for the assistance of their unfortunate brethren.

Despite all these circumstances, those who know the peculiarities of actors are not at all surprised at observing the enthusiasm with which they have entered into plans for assisting the general poor of New-York. Their energy and utter regardlessness of self in these efforts entitle them to the highest consideration. Seeing what they can do for others, is it not time now that the actors should do something for themselves? That they would be generously aided by the public we have little doubt. A series of performances in New-York, Boston, and Philadelphia, would certainly be the means of placing the American Dramatic Fund in a state of practical usefulness. Not only might this be done, but a sum of money would be realized sufficient to save from privation the many distressed actors who are at this moment, and who will be a few months hence, in sore need of such benevolence. We offer these suggestions with a view of calling out the ingenuity of some honored members of the profession, whose reputation and experience entitle them to be the first in such a good cause. Some such scheme as we have hinted at seems eminently practical, and would also be a means of making the actors a graceful return for their charitable efforts. They are always ready to help others—the public would be glad of an opportunity to assist them.

PEACE OR WAR IN EUROPE.

Recent dispatches from Germany tell us that "the Reichstag will be dissolved if it persists in the refusal to fix the ordinary strength of the army at 400,000 men as demanded by the Government." The Reichstag, or Lower House of the German Parliament, consists of 397 members elected for three years; but, like the British Parliament, it is liable to be sooner dissolved by the Sovereign. As some of the present members in the event of a dissolution might lose their seats, and as all the members would be subject to inconvenience and expense, the threat of dissolution is one which may have the effect of bringing the Reichstag to submission.

In his clear, incisive way DAVID HUME exposed the economical mischiefs and the exhaustion of the public wealth incident to the small armies of a century ago. Before and since that time philosophers have speculated and Christian philanthropists have foretold that the day was not far off when the nations should "beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks," and should learn war no more. At present, however, there are so few signs of the predicted approach of the era of universal peace that there are not a few persons of reputation for discernment who are apprehensive that the Napoleonic wars, and the other great struggles which convulsed Europe at the beginning of the present century, will be repeated on a more destructive scale at its close. It is, however, well known that there prevails throughout Europe a strong and intelligent public opinion opposed to war, and in favor of international arbitration as a means of settling hostile controversies without recourse to arms. The real strength of this conservative spirit in Germany has, perhaps, been underestimated. But at present there is no reason to expect to find the new Empire of the Kaisers reducing its armies, and giving a noble example of the German virtues of economy and moral earnestness to the other countries of Europe.

From the latest official returns we have compiled the following statement of the cost and strength of the various armies of Europe. Among the topics which it suggests, several are worthy of careful thought. First, the vast armaments here set forth have grown to their present unwieldy dimensions within a few years, and in great part through the dissensions of France and Germany. Secondly, that the sum of $459,000,000 is wasted every year on these vast preparations for war. Thirdly, that in time of peace this great military mechanism costs not only $459,000,000 of actual cash, but withdraws from productive industry and keeps in enforced idleness 2,993,600 men of the most useful ages and qualifications, thereby inflicting a loss upon the community which in magnitude can scarcely be estimated in figures, but must considerably exceed $1,000,000,000 a year. If these estimates be correct, the armies of Europe, besides their moral evils, rob the public wealth every year of $1,500,000,000. The following is our table:

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	Army in Peace.		Revenue of
	Men.	Army Cost.	Government.
Germany	430,845	$64,983,246	$111,182,080
Switzerland	84,369	490,205	5,147,000
Norway	43,000	1,120,000	6,061,395
Denmark	37,850	4,538,045	11,641,145
France	404,192	96,000,000	500,204,020
Russia	765,873	107,263,090	343,256,305
Austria	278,470	11,225,405	282,316,620
Belgium	37,391	7,425,600	37,782,800
Greece	8,457	1,443,380	6,089,820
Italy	214,667	36,643,310	309,667,005
Netherlands	59,491	6,840,908	18,295,219
Portugal	18,185	3,580,690	24,258,900
Spain	151,668	23,651,605	139,508,730
Sweden	139,775	3,005,000	15,496,820
Turkey	146,680	17,000,500	84,687,150
England	177,678	74,122,500	383,043,850
Total	2,993,600	$459,332,734	$2,278,763,652

THE FENIANS.

The announcement that Mr. DISRAELI had agreed to receive a deputation on behalf of the "Fenians," and that it was to consist of seventy Irish members of Parliament, caused a new flutter to be observable in the shattered ranks of Fenianism here. But if Mr. DISRAELI had acceded to the request of the deputation, we do not believe that the discontented Irish would be in the smallest degree less discontented. They do not believe it themselves. All experience has shown that when they have lost one grievance they readily manufacture another; and the only consolation that law-abiding people have is in the knowledge that the discontented Irish do not represent the majority of the nation. The news now brought us, however, by telegraph, shuts out all prospects of the purposes of the deputation being attained, the Home Secretary having emphatically stated from his place in Parliament that the Government did not intend to interfere with the course of the law.

Ireland is proverbially the nursery of blunders, and the manner in which, in this particular instance, the way was paved for conciliating the British Government is very characteristic. "Home Rule," so far as, amid a host of incompatible definitions, it can be understood, has not been indorsed by the most influential Irish residents; and the failure of the party to return as many adherents as they expected at the late elections very much disturbed the equanimity of their tempers. Hence, for several weeks past, the "Nationalist" press has been more than usually abusive of the Government. Even the Ashantee war has been seized upon by it as a medium for the outpouring of its spleen. The Dublin *Nation* spoke with warm eulogy of the bloodthirsty savages whose human sacrifices tainted the air for miles around their capital; and the *Flag of Ireland* expressed a hope that if the British troops—many of them Irishmen, be it remembered—should return from Coomassie, it might be, "not as victors, but as vanquished, flying before a victorious enemy." "The Ashantees," said that faithful journal, "shall be victorious—more power to them." And as for the casualties that occurred in the expeditionary force, these papers actually gloated over them, wishing only that they had been greater than they were.

Such, then, was the kind of preparation with which the Irish deputation, largely made up from the party to which the *Nation* and *Flag of Ireland* belong, approached the British Government. It is a novel device, but it has the advantage of being national, and probably Mr. DISRAELI accepted it in that light, and smiled at it as the rest of the world does. But the peculiar aspect of the matter is not yet all apparent. We have heard a great deal about the release of the Fenian prisoners, and the ill-treatment they receive in prison. The truth is, there are no Fenian prisoners. That is, there are no Irishmen held in prison under the law for simply being Fenians and enemies to the Government. That there are Fenians in prison is not denied. But they are there as criminals of much deeper dye. Some have been guilty of treason and violation of military law as soldiers in the line. Others have been guilty of homicide under circumstances that brought their offense close up to the definition of willful murder—so close, indeed, that it was only through the leniency of the courts that they escaped hanging. And with regard to the allegations about cruel treatment, these have been proved to be false. The most prominent case was that of one DANIEL REDDIN, who was one of a gang that murdered a Police Sergeant. He escaped with the light sentence of five years' penal servitude, and was no sooner in prison than he made fearful charges against the officers of the jails—first of Chatham, then of Millbank—and his words were re-echoed far and wide, though his friends dared not to make the charges in the proper quarter. But in spite of them they were investigated, first by Mr. KNOX, a Magistrate, and Mr. POLLOCK, a surgeon of St. George's Hospital; then by a special commission, of which Mr. STEPHEN DE VERE—who, among men of sense and honor, comes as near as most people to sympathizing with Fenianism—was a prominent member; and lastly before the Court of Queen's Bench itself. And the charges were everywhere proved to be without the slightest foundation. REDDIN not only contradicted himself, but, as Mr. Justice BLACKBURN said, he made statements on oath for the purpose of supporting false charges. The action of the prison authorities was vindicated, and it was shown that, if anything, the so-called Fenian prisoners had received more indulgence than would have been shown to other prisoners if they had been equally violent and insubordinate.

Such, then, is the kind of criminal, and such the circumstances, under which the Government has been asked to exercise the right of pardon. It is not, therefore, much to be wondered at that Mr. DISRAELI'S Ministry have in this instance followed the example of Mr. GLADSTONE'S, and refused concessions in behalf of criminals who happen to be Fenians, which no section of the people would have presumed to ask for in the case of like offenders who are not Fenians.

IRISH BREACH-OF-PROMISE CASES.

Since the action in which the nephew of the late Gen. Sir DE LACY EVANS figured as defendant, suits for breaches of promise seem to have become very numerous in Ireland. In one of the letters of the plaintiff on that occasion to the person whom she facetiously styled her "dear, dear pigey," there was a passage to the effect that poor girls had no way to make a little money nowadays except through actions for breaches of promise. The suggestion thus thrown out has met with such hearty approbation that the Courts of Assize of the several circuits and most magnificent thing since the time of Deborah. It had for its motto the utter extermination of the poison which shed the blood of many and resulted in poignant, bitter grief to millions. The armor of the women was love, their battle-ax, tenderness, and their banner the cross of Jesus Christ. [Applause.] She had lately been in a crusade in an adjoining State, and she was proud to record that the movement had gained foothold, and that organized associations for the suppression of intemperance were being rapidly formed. She disagreed with Archbishop Purcell, of Cincinnati, and other ministerial dignitaries, that a policy of moderation was best adapted to the requirements of the hour, and, for her part, she asserted that bold, uncompromising action was the best method of securing success. She described gambling, racing, betting, and shooting as the natural offspring of this vice, for where did they hear the name of God blasphemed in every sentence but in the bar-room? Here vice originated, concluding, she observed, as the product of thought and experience, that morally, socially, and physically, the life of a nation was retarded by the existence of rum shops.

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the defendant "had his eyes around him." He met another young lady of the same age, and finding that she had fifteen hundred dollars more than the plaintiff, promptly withdrew his attention from the latter, proposed, was accepted, and got married without further ado. Having admitted this much in his testimony, the jury calculated that as he had gained fifteen hundred dollars by proving false to his vows, to deprive him of it, and hand that amount to plaintiff, would be a very fair adjustment of the case. The punishment came in the shape of counsel fees and costs of court. Now, in this country, it might be thought that the chances of a young lady finding an eligible husband would not be improved by an action for breach of promise. In Ireland there is no such feeling. Marriage there has evidently been reduced to a matter of dollars and cents. The girl with the most money has the most admirers. The successful plaintiff in the action for breach of promise, as a consequence, has just so much added to her attractions, and in proportion will find a suitor all the sooner. Assuredly, the days of poetry and romance in Ireland are at end.

THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT.

THE MOVEMENT AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The committee appointed by the Pastors' meeting last Monday to make arrangements for a temperance service during the coming week held a meeting last night, at which the unanimous opinion was expressed that the interest in the meetings made it imperatively necessary that they should be continued, and during next week religious temperance exercises will be held at the Congregational Church. No regular plan of visiting saloons has been adopted by the lady devotees to this system of aiding the temperance cause, but several propose going in small squads of two and three and appealing to saloon-keepers to discontinue their traffic.

TEMPERANCE MASS-MEETING AT THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ALLEN STREET.

A temperance mass-meeting was held last evening at the Allen Street Methodist Church. The audience was large and interested, and comprised about an equal number of each sex. Rev. Wm. D. Thompson, Pastor, opened the proceedings with prayer, and introduced as the first speaker Rev. W. C. Steele, of the Beekman Hill Church. Dr. Steele plunged at once into the middle of his theme, congratulating his hearers on the grand success which attended the efforts of the women crusaders of the West. He mentioned as illustrative of the progress of the movement, that in the State of Ohio 1,765 liquor saloons were closed, and their proprietors, to the number of 800, had joined the temperance ranks. Every effort to stifle the influence of the women was vainly employed, and, controlled by the power of prayer, which they could not suborn, they surrendered at once and forever. He regretted that the religious aspects of this question had not been as clearly understood as they might be. No other agency was employed save those sanctioned and actuated by religion, and, despite jeers and scoffs, they continued their onward course. The first evident results of success were the increased attendance of school children, the reduction of the Police force in the various towns and villages where the cause prevailed, and the abatement of disorder and crime. The Sabbath, which was previously spent in the liquor saloon, was now devoted to exercises of a Christian character, and the unpretentious churches were inadequate to contain the thousands who clamored for admission. That movement started on Christmas Day at the Washington Court-house was destined to be memorable in the history of the efforts for social reform. Everywhere persuasion and prayer prevailed, and the weakness of the instrument, it appeared, constituted its chief power. There was no necessity for a resort to law; it was not required by the exigencies of the occasion, and the only regret experienced by the reformed was their sincere sorrow that the movement had not originated twenty years ago. In this City and Brooklyn he believed there were 100,000 drunkards, whose reformation was inevitable if the temptation was removed. Many tried to free themselves from their bondage, but they hopelessly failed, and he was convinced that, naturally and legally, these poor wretches were entirely irresponsible for their actions. Under the baneful influence of this deadly poison man became a nerveless being, incapable of self-control and a fit subject for medical treatment. He narrated with much effect the conversions of confirmed drunkards; these were acts which the angels of heaven might look upon with pride and joy. This was not a temporary excitement. It was spreading over the western portion of this State, and was working its way even in this great City. He reminded his lady auditors that an immensity devolved upon them; each lady should have the power to control fifty men. If they exercised this power in the proper direction, how much misery, vice, and starvation would be prevented, and how much good would ensue to the whole community! Here their first duty should be to keep down the spirit of conservatism in the churches, and the spirit that has taken possession of the people to rush into the raid without any reasonable show of success. If only ministers would step from their surroundings and boldly declare from their pulpits their faith in total abstinence, their congregations would not be slow to follow, and ere long the death knell of intemperance would resound throughout the whole nation.

Mrs. Susannah Meyers, in a brief but appropriate address, declared her belief that this movement was a mighty inspiration arising out of deep sorrow; and well might Mr. Talmage call it the grandest and most magnificent thing since the time of Deborah. It had for its motto the utter extermination of the poison which shed the blood of many and resulted in poignant, bitter grief to millions. The armor of the women was love, their battle-ax, tenderness, and their banner the cross of Jesus Christ. [Applause.] She had lately been in a crusade in an adjoining State, and she was proud to record that the movement had gained foothold, and that organized associations for the suppression of intemperance were being rapidly formed. She disagreed with Archbishop Purcell, of Cincinnati, and other ministerial dignitaries, that a policy of moderation was best adapted to the requirements of the hour, and, for her part, she asserted that bold, uncompromising action was the best method of securing success. She described gambling, racing, betting, and shooting as the natural offspring of this vice, for where did they hear the name of God blasphemed in every sentence but in the bar-room? Here vice originated, concluding, she observed, as the product of thought and experience, that morally, socially, and physically, the life of a nation was retarded by the existence of rum shops.

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RECORD OF AMUSEMENTS.

MUSICAL.

THE ITALIAN OPERA.

"Lohengrin" was given for the fourth time at the Academy of Music yesterday. Every seat in the house had been sold on the previous day, and the spacious auditorium was filled to overflowing. The performance was the best of Wagner's grand work yet witnessed. Signor Campanini's hoarseness having almost entirely disappeared, Mme. Nilsson shaping herself more and more to a rôle which we thought she would have mastered at once, Miss Cary succeeding equally well in adapting her fine contralto voice to the exigencies of a long and thankless mezzo-soprano part, and Signori Nannetti and Del Puente, and the orchestral and choral forces doing their whole duty most valiantly. To-morrow "Lohengrin" will be represented again, and Wednesday, Signor Campanini will be heard for the first time in "La Favorita," with Mme. Lucca as *Leonora*. Friday the last recital of "Aïda" may be attended.

MME. DI MURSKA AT THE ACADEMY.

Mr. Max Maretzek, with Mme. Di Murska and a company will enter upon a brief season of Italian opera at the Academy of Music to-morrow week. It is understood that "Dinorah" will be the work first performed.

THE OPERA BOUFFE.

Mlle. Aimée and her associates sang "La Périchole" in the titular rôle of which Mlle. Aimée has no rival the world over, at the Lyceum Theatre last evening. Offenbach's opera was supplemented by "Bon soir, Monsieur Chouffleury." The sojourn of the merry company at the Lyceum is only to extend over the present week. To-morrow and Tuesday "Le Petit Faust" is to be sung, and Wednesday and Thursday "La Fille De Mme. Angot" may be listened to.

YALE COLLEGE GLEE CLUB.

A concert given for the benefit of the Yale Boat Club by the College Glee Club may be attended at Steinway Hall on Thursday next. The affair is to be the first of a series, the proceeds of which are to go to a building fund, the creation of which has already begun. The programme to be rendered consists almost wholly of college songs, and, on that account, will be welcome after the stereotyped lines making up most concert bills. The sale of seats will be commenced to-morrow.

CHARITABLE CONCERTS.

A concert in aid of the poor was given at the Academy of Music last evening. Mr. Wieniawski, Mr. J. W. Pattison, Signor Campanini, Miss Cary, Mme. Lucca, and a number of other artists appeared, but the programme only included familiar pieces, which it is not worth while even to mention by name. The attendance was large, but it by no means filled the auditorium; this result may have been due to bad management, but it is not impossible that the public is rather weary just now of "charity entertainments." Undaunted, however, by the repeated appeals of others, the Arion Society gives a concert this evening at the club-house in St. Mark's place, in aid of the indigent; Miss Rosburgh, Miss Munier, and Messrs. Graf and Remmerts are to sing, and there will be considerable instrumental music, Dr. Damrosch directing the affair.

BROOKLYN TABERNACLE CONCERT.

A concert will take place at the Brooklyn Tabernacle Tuesday evening, whereat Mr. Gilmore's band, with its several soloists, will play, and Mme. Pauline Lucca will sing.

DRAMATIC.

FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE.

"Charity" will be played all next week at the Fifth Avenue Theatre. "Alphonse" is still underlined—but is not likely to be produced quite yet. Miss Davenport resumed the original part of *Ruth Tredgett* in "Charity," last evening. During the week past, Miss Fanny Morant has performed the part, giving a very strong but totally different conception of the "Brand from the burning." Miss Davenport has been seriously sick—and her recovery and return to the arena of her new triumphs will be welcome news. Her performance of the part of the "tramp" in "Charity" is certainly a surprising and a marvelous success. It is at once a study and a revelation. A study, from its fidelity to nature; and a revelation, because through it the public have learned the true worth of a great dramatic talent which has been quietly but surely developing during these few seasons since Miss Davenport first achieved popularity with the Fifth Avenue company.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.

The revival of Mr. Lester Wallack's play, "Central Park," has rightly been received with the favor which is due to an old friend. The humor of the drama is of the most objective kind, and is always sure to catch the applause of the audience. Of modern plays, Mr. Wallack's is the most mirth-provoking, and deals in a very pleasant way with social foibles which are present to everybody.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

"Led Astray" is still supreme at the Union Square Theatre, and in the absence of any startling attraction, bids fair to run for another season. At all events, with so good a card, the management don't care to announce any startling novelties.... The Grand Opera-house is to be conducted under new auspices on and after Easter Monday, when Mr. Joseph H. Tooker will assume the management. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Florence will appear on April 6, in Falconer's Irish drama, "Eileen Oge," and the hay-making scene will be of quite a realistic character, employing a supernumerary force of eighty.... There is no change at Niblo's, Mr. Frank Mayo as *Davy Crockett*, and Miss Rosa Rand as *Eleanor Vaughn*, still furnishing such an entertainment as the most exacting patrons of the theatre can desire.... At Booth's, Mr. Boucicault gives way to the pleasant actress Lotta, who will appear for the first time in this City in her new play entitled "Zip, or Point Lynde Light."..... "Alice Placide" and "Dashing Charlie," who appear in the American drama "Little Rifle," are the especial attractions at Wood's Museum at present. On Monday, April 6, they will be succeeded by Mr. E. L. Davenport.... The Olympic, according to its custom, is given to variety entertainment, and has abundant novelties on its programme.... Dan Bryant, according to his custom, does all the business in the matter of minstrelsy, and provides his patrons with a very ample programme.... The Colosseum furnishes its usual agreeable entertainment, and Mr. Fox's Broadway Theatre rapidly approaches its opening.... Miss Amy Roberts, a young lady who has been prominent in the charity performances given by Mr. Sheridan Shook and others during the Winter, will make her appearance on the profession al stage to-morrow at Hooley's Opera-house, in Brooklyn, in a new play.

HOME GOSSIP.

Mr. Veck's annual benefit concert, at the Boston Music Hall, takes place on Wednesday evening next.... A Boston correspondent of the Chicago *Times* says there is likely to be at least two new theatres in Boston before Jan. 1, 1875. He continues: "In one of these, Mr. Crosby, formerly of Chicago, will probably be interested. Mr. Crosby desires to build an opera house, and there are several interested parties who are desirous of backing him or some one else in the enterprise. Mr. Arthur Cheney, who owned the Globe, proposes to rebuild; but a suit in relation to the leasehold of a portion of the land between Mr. Cheney and Mr. A. C. Baldwin, its owner, has, up to the present time, prevented him from doing so. There is a now a strong prospect that the matter in dispute will be adjusted, in which event a new and elegant place of amusement will rise on the old site. It is not unlikely that the establishment will be an opera-house instead of a stock theatre; and it is among the possibilities that Mr. Crosby may be concerned in the enterprise with Mr. Cheney. If Mr. Cheney sticks to his original purpose of erecting a dramatic temple merely, Mr. Crosby or some one else will put up an opera-house elsewhere. [Rumor credits Sheridan Shook, of New-York, and John Stetson, one of the present managers of the Howard Athenæum, with the intention of erecting a theatre on Tremont street, nearly opposite Hollis street. Wyseman Marshall talks of building a theatre on Columbus avenue, at the corner of Berkeley street, but he will give up the project if Mr. Cheney goes ahead. Mr. John Nevada.... Mr. John McCullough was last week at the St. Louis Olympic.... Mr. Booth was at De Bar's, in St. Louis.... Mr. Wybert Reeve was at McVicker's, in Chicago.... Mrs. Oates and her troup were at the Chicago Academy.... Mrs. D. P. Bowers was at the National Theatre, in Washington.... Mr. Edward Lamb goes to Boucicault's new theatre. .... "Charity" has been brought out at Robinson's Opera-house in Cincinnati.... Mr. Lawrence Barrett was last week at the Indianapolis Academy.... Miss Lydia Thompson and her associates were in Cleveland.... Mr. F. S. Chanfrau acted in Buffalo last week.... Mr. Sothern performed in Richmond.... Miss Maggie Mitchell was at the Boston Theatre.... Mme. Janauschek was at the Walnut Street Theatre in Philadelphia.... The Vokes Family was at the Arch Street Theatre.... Carl Terrahn has sued the Executive Committee of the Boston Peace Jubilee for $5,000, alleged to be due him for services as conductor. Two hundred and ninety thousand dollars were lost by the jubilee.... Miss Augusta H. Chambers has been engaged as leading lady of the Tremont Opera-house Company, Galveston, Texas, for the Summer season. Mr. Henry Greenwal is the sole lessee and manager of the Opera-house, Mr. Everitt having retired from the partnership.... A nent the new Holliday Street Theatre, the Baltimore *American* of March 27 says: "Taking a look at the new theatre yesterday, we found it rapidly progressing toward completion. The stage and framework for the circles are all in, the brick walls nearly finished. It has the appearance of being a very pleasant theatre when ready for occupancy. The stage in depth measures 73 feet, in width 73 feet; the seating capacity will be for 1,500 persons. The house will be opened on the 1st of July. It is to be hoped that the facilities for egress from the theatre will be on the best plans. The new theatres in Chicago are provided with the very best opportunities in case of fire or accident—the largest of them can be vacated in three minutes. The Opera-house is superior to the average of theatres in this respect, but there is room for still further improvement in the Holliday Street Theatre".... The San Francisco *Chronicle* of March 7 says: "Last night Miss Neilson closed what may be called the Shakesperean portion of her engagement, appearing as *Juliet* before a densely-packed audience. The few remaining performances are to be divided between the works of Sheridan, Bulwer, and Knowles. To-night, 'The School for Scandal' will be presented."

THE CHURCH COUNCIL.

THE ACTION OF PLYMOUTH CHURCH CENSURED—THE SUMMONING CHURCHES FULLY SUSTAINED.

The Congregational Council having under advisement the questions of church discipline at issue between the Church of the Pilgrims and Clinton Avenue Church on the one hand, and Plymouth Church on the other, reassembled in executive session yesterday morning at the Clinton Avenue Church, the Moderter, Rev. L. Bacon in the chair. After the transaction of some miscellaneous business, and the adoption of memorial resolutions of the late Rev. Dr. Kirk, of Boston, the report of the Committee of Seven, embodying the basis of the final judgment of the council, was presented, and was taken up for debate about 11 o'clock. As a whole, the document met with approval, but there were some few points in it which, in the opinion of the council, required some diplomatic rounding off. At 1 o'clock the council took the usual recess, and reassembled at 3 o'clock. The debate was then continued, and the modifications progressed until 6:10 o'clock, when a recess was taken until 9 o'clock. At that time the council was in a very harmonious mood, and there was but little to be done to complete the report. At 9 o'clock the council met and took up the report for final action, and at 11:40 o'clock the doors were thrown open, and the council was declared in public session. There were about 100 persons waiting in the lecture-room and vestibules to hear the result, and they crowded into the church. In five minutes after entrance all were seated, and the Moderator began the reading of the request, which covered twenty-two pages of foolscap paper, and occupied twenty-five minutes in reading, being concluded at 12:10 o'clock.

The report opened by reciting the evidence presented to the council by the two churches, and the fact that Plymouth Church had declined to appear, either upon request of the churches or of the council. The report proceeded to say that no church was beyond the reach of the public opinion of other churches expressed either directly or through ecclesiastical council. Any church, in its essential and inalienable independence, may, in the exercise of a reasonable discretion, consider any public action of any other church, or in proper method express its approval or disapproval, and may make that public action the subject of friendly correspondence or remonstrance, and if not answered may make it the ground of a temporary or permanent cessation of intercommunion. After reviewing the correspondence which had passed between the churches, the report proceeded to say in substance that the two complaining churches had acted with the utmost faith and zeal in maintaining the true principles of Congregationalism in upholding the right of remonstrance and of exercising it in this instance. For this moral heroism they deserved the thanks of the whole Congregational Church. The general tenor of the whole report sustained the two complaining churches in the position they had taken, and the course of action by which they had been governed, and concluded by profuse expressions of Christian forbearance and kindness, and hoped that the churches would endeavor to maintain intercommunion of fellowship with each other. The evidence of tender rebuke to Plymouth Church pervaded the entire document.

Dr. Storrs then addressed the members of the council. He said: "I have, at this late hour, only to express, on behalf of the committees of churches and on behalf of those whom these committees represent, our sense of indebtedness to the members of the council for the great patience with which they have tried the case presented to them. I believe it was said of Lord Clive in his work in India that he forded deep the water of the unknown, but that he left a hedge behind him over which the lame might nearly walk. We have had to deal with very extraordinary facts; we have had to face very extraordinary representations, and we are rejoiced that that which we have done has brought out such a distinct expression by so large a body as this, representing the Congregational churches in all parts of the land. And as you have offered your prayer for us that we may be guarded in the paths of righteousness, so we offer in return our earest prayers for you and for the churches you represent that you may be guided on your way home, and that upon your churches as upon yourselves may come the blessing of these principles framed by you in all time to come.

Resolutions were then adopted congratulating the members of the council on the result of their labors, and also returning thanks to the inviting churches for the kindness and attention shown by their congregations to the delegates during the continuance of the session. After the benediction had been pronounced and the singing of the doxology, the session of the congress was brought to a close at 12:22 this morning.

The reporter inquired of the Moderator and the Assistant Moderator to ascertain the vote by which the report was adopted, but the only answers they would give were that the vote was *almost unanimous*.

LETTER FROM MR. THEODORE TILTON TO THE COUNCIL.

The following letter from Mr. Theodore Tilton to the Council was presented yesterday afternoon by Judge Walker, the Associate Moderator:

To the Congregational Council:

GENTLEMEN, CLERICAL AND LAY: I received yesterday the courteous note of your Moderator, informing me of the technical reasons why my communication to your honorable body could not be officially put on the minutes. I respectfully offer you this present brief letter as a substitute, in the hope that it may be within the possibility of your acceptance for record. Among the five points which you are asked to decide concerning my case with Plymouth Church, the second will pass into permanent statement on your journal as follows:

"During the voluntary absence of a member from the ordinances, if specific charges of grossly unchristian conduct are presented against him by a brother in the church, to which charges he declines to answer," —&c.

The above statement, which has been constantly reiterated during your proceedings—implies that gross charges were made against me, and that these charges I declined to answer. Gentlemen of the Council, every man among you knows that I did not decline to answer. I ask you, therefore, as an act of justice to me, to permit the true record to accompany the false.

Respectfully yours,
THEODORE TILTON.
BROOKLYN, Saturday, March 28, 1874.

CASTLE GARDEN AFFAIRS.

On Monday next the authorized emigrant agent of the New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company will resume duty within Castle Garden, desk room being allowed him by the Commissioners. The agent, it should be understood, acts individually, the New-York Central not paying a proportion of the expenses heretofore shared by that company, the Erie and Pennsylvania lines. By the arrangement existing previous to the reduction of rates by the New-York Central, which was followed by a similar cutting down of prices by the other two lines, the annual expenditure in this work amounted to about $40,000. The Erie and Pennsylvania companies have been selling tickets to all points West at the reduced rates. Yesterday, emigrants arriving with through tickets over the Erie Road were transferred to the Pennsylvania Central line, owing to the stoppage of travel over the former road at Susquehanna. The arrivals of emigrants at the Garden during the past week were as follows: America, 228; Dorian, 2; Amazon, 36; Republic, 200; Egypt, 231; Wyoming, 128; Sidonia, 21; City of Brooklyn, 192; Westphalia, 237; Amerique, 59; Hermann, 158; Java, 98; Caledonia, 33; Leicester, 22. The last four named arrived yesterday.

LABOR TOPICS.

STRIKES IN JERSEY CITY—THE FREE-THINKERS AND TRADES-UNIONS—GERMAN ORGANIZATIONS.

The strike among the freight-handlers of the Erie Railroad has ended. The men have accepted, without reserve, the offer of the company to re-employ them at seventeen and a half cents per hour. The company has refused to deal with them in a body, and has accepted only those who applied individually to be reinstated. Yesterday the company took 150 of them again into its employ and discharged as many of the new hands. The rest of them will probably be taken on again to-morrow. Most of the guard posted in the neighborhood of the Long Dock by Chief of Police Champney and Sheriff Reinhardt, to preserve order, has been withdrawn.

The strikers at the Weehawken coal docks have been informed that unless they accept the offer of the company to pay them seventeen and a half cents per hour, and return to their work to-morrow morning, new hands will be put on in their places. A large number of men, who have no interest in the strike, are obliged to remain idle because of the action of the strikers, and are suffering considerably for want of the necessaries of life.

The men employed at the west end of the new Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western tunnel through Hudson City Heights, have followed the example of those employed at the east end, and have quit work until the company accede to their demand for higher wages. The contractor intends to put 150 new hands at work on Monday, and as these strikers are the same men who occasioned the serious riot on Friday, much trouble is anticipated.

The Free-thinkers' and Trades-union Convention, recently formed to proceed against the Police Commissioners on account of the Tompkins square clubbing, held another meeting at the Turn Hall last night. Conrad Kuhn was appointed permanent Chairman of the convention. The plan to divide the same in two—an English-speaking and a German convention—having been abandoned, the proceedings were carried on in both languages. The committee, composed of John Swinton, Carl Thever, and Hermann Dathe, who went to Albany to present the charges against the Police Commissioners to the Legislature, submitted a report stating they had a hearing before the Committee on Grievances of the Assembly on Wednesday last, and demanded an investigation. Mr. Wehle, the counsel engaged by the convention to prepare the complaints against the Police Commissioners to be submitted to the Mayor, stated that these complaints, based on the affidavits of the victims of the Police clubbing, are in the hands of the Mayor, and that the evidence necessary for an investigation has been collected; also the evidence to be submitted to the Grand Jury. The complaints presented to the Mayor are based on the twenty-fifth section of the City charter, providing that the Mayor shall remove any person under the City Government from office for cause, upon giving the accused an opportunity to be heard in their defense.

The Committee of Safety having been excluded from a further participation in the convention, the proceedings on this occasion, unlike previously, were quite harmonious.

A meeting of wood-turners, sawyers, planers, and molding-makers was held at No. 26 Delancy street, last night, to effect a new organization of their trades-union, and a number of names for membership were enrolled. A committee was formed to take further action in the matter, and to submit a report at the next meeting.

A meeting of the "shop tailors," employed at making clothing for the wholesale department, was held at No. 77 Essex street last night, with a view of taking some action to strengthen their organization, in order to be prepared to maintain their prices.

The Confectioners' Union, composed principally of Germans, held a meeting at No. 230 Christie street last night, when the prospects of the trade were discussed.

THE DISORDERLY HOUSE NUISANCE.

The disclosures in yesterday's TIMES in reference to the proprietorship of several of the dens of the Eighth and Fifteenth Wards caused the utmost consternation among a large number of property holders in the locality who had heretofore considered themselves removed beyond the reach of censure. A number of these conscience-smitten individuals, seeing that their day of reckoning could not be much further delayed, hastened to the District Attorney's office yesterday, in order to "explain" their connection with the nuisances complained of, and in almost all instances volunteered to break up their respective dens of faithful fulfillment of this promise will satisfy the prosecuting officers, whose only object is to rid the locality of these pest-houses of vice. Thus far it will be seen that the determined action of the Grand Jury in inflicting the owners as well as the occupants of these houses of infamy has had a satisfactory effect, and will, if faithfully carried out by incorrupt Police officers, protect the children of the Eighth and Fifteenth Wards from becoming contaminated by contact with open and fearless immorality. The Grand Jury were not in session yesterday, but will continue to-morrow their inquiry into the matter, and will undoubtedly order new indictments. As already reported, six of the keepers of disreputable houses were indicted on Friday, and the bench warrants for their arrest were delivered to the Captain of the precinct for execution, but, through some extraordinary influence, the nature of which can, perhaps, best be explained by the Police officer in question, none of the parties indicted had been arrested up to an early hour this morning. It is probable that the tender solicitude of the Captain will protect these outragers of decency from arrest to-day also, and that they will merely be requested to appear at the District Attorney's office to-morrow evening to answer the charges against them. It is but fair to state that the condition of the hitherto disgraceful streets of the Eighth and Fifteenth Wards presented a considerable improvement last night, the Police officers displaying unusual zeal in keeping the locality clear of disorderly characters.

SINGULAR SUICIDE.

About 9 o'clock last evening, Frank Kruper committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart with a revolver. Mr. Kruper was living with his brother-in-law, at No. 77 Broome street. He came in as usual about 8 o'clock, and sitting down, chatted cheerfully with his sister for over half an hour. Then he bade her good night, and ascended to the front room on the second floor, where he slept. Shortly afterward three distinct reports were heard and the sound of a heavy fall above. His sister ran up stairs and opened the door of Frank's room. A dense cloud of smoke enveloped everything but soon she saw, lying on the floor, the dead body of her brother weltering in a large pool of blood. Assistance was obtained, and an officer from the Delancey Street Police Station hastened to the house. He discovered that Frank had three shot-wounds within the size of a silver dollar, and all of the bullets must have passed through his heart. From his position, it was thought that he was standing erect when he committed the act, and deliberately cocked and fired the revolver three times, each shot being fatal. Kruper's sister said that Frank attempted to kill himself on Friday evening in the yard, but had been prevented by her husband. The reason assigned for the act is that Frank had fallen in love with a young girl, a former servant in the house. Upon learning of this attachment, the girl was dismissed, and every effort has been made to keep the two apart. Frank was in good circumstances, and wished to marry the girl. Made desperate by opposition, he had often declared that he would commit suicide, but his friends did not believe that he was in earnest, and no watch was kept upon his movements.

DEPARTURE OF MR. ORTON FOR EUROPE.

Mr. William Orton, President of the Western Union Telegraph Company, accompanied by Mrs. Orton, sailed for Europe yesterday, on the White Star steam-ship Republic. Mr. Orton goes on an extended tour through Europe, for the benefit of his health. During his absence Mr. Alonzo B. Cornell will occupy the position of acting President. A number of prominent gentlemen friends of Mr. Orton accompanied him down the bay and wished him a happy voyage and speedy return to health. The cutter Jassimine was chartered, and lay off the Battery until 12 o'clock. The following gentlemen had assembled by that time: A. B. Cornell, David Dows, George Opdyke, George Jones, Augustus Smith, George B. Prescott, J. C. Hinchman, Superintendent of the Western Union Company; J. D. Reid, Gen. Lafferts, Gen. Eckhart, A. B. Chandler, George Walker, Mr. Greenleaf, Cyrus W. Field, Augustus Schell, Gen. E. S. Sandford, Judge Palmer, Mr. Simonton, Jr., G. Tillotson, Wilson G. Hunt, Mr. McAlpin, and many others. Mr. Orton arrived shortly after 12 o'clock, and the steamer at once started for the White Star dock in Jersey. On the way over the whole party assembled in the cabin, and Mr. Cornell made a pleasant and happy address, wishing that Mr. Orton may soon regain his health and return to America once more. Mr. Orton returned thanks in a few well-chosen remarks, after which his health was drank. Several other speeches were made. Mr. Orton was put on board the Republic at Jersey, and the cutter accompanied her down as far as Quarantine.

CITY AND COUNTY TREASURY.

Controller Green reports the following disbursements and receipts at the Treasury yesterday:

Claims paid—number of warrants, thirty-five—amounting to $7,629 43. Receipts—From taxes of 1873, and interest, $5,199 03; arrears of taxes, assessments, and interest, $19,704 60; collections of assessments and interest, $14,954 81; market rents, $611 ... Increase, Mayor's Office ...

AIMEE DESCLEE.

THE LIFE AND DEATH OF A GREAT ACTRESS.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Wednesday, March 11, 1874.

Yesterday I attended one of the saddest and most touching funeral ceremonies that I have ever yet seen in this city. It was the first time that I remember to have seen grief which appeared to me devoid of affectation. At the burial of poor Aimée Desclée the usual vanities of the *pompes funèbres* would have been entirely out of place. The simple ceremony took place in the Church of St. Laurent, which was by no means crowded, after which the faithful friends of this charming actress followed her remains to the tomb. Although her father, mother, and brother were present, the chief mourners were Alexandre Dumas, M. Montigny, Director of the Gymnase, where her chief triumphs were gained, and an aged female servant, who has been her constant companion for many years. The poor old Césarine was the only person who gave expression to grief in blinding tears. It was a cold, chill day, which had followed a stormy night, and as the cortége left the church the first snow of the season began to fall. In half an hour the flakes descended thick and fast, the hearse and the assistants being thickly covered before reaching the gates of Père-la-Chaise. The Church of St. Laurent is very small, but it was not filled, notwithstanding the fact that some fifty or sixty persons came in out of curiosity. Many of these were so affected by the scene that they joined in the procession, and followed the artiste to the grave. The friends of the deceased actress were nearly all of the profession, or journalists, and while many of them went to the cemetery a certain number left at the church door to attend the last general rehearsal of the "Candidat," which is to replace "L'Oncle Sam" at the Vaudeville. The snow did not cease during the passage to the cemetery, and it was falling sharply when the coffin was lowered into the vault and the last rites of the church were performed. M. Dumas and others then threw the bouquets and crowns of white lilacs upon the coffin, and M. Dumas pronounced a few touching words in praise of the artiste whose career had thus unexpectedly closed. The procession was then broken up, and, as at other Parisian funerals, we all hurried back to the city to enter again the busy life which had closed forever for one beloved.

I need say little of the abilities of Mlle. Desclée, for the journals of Europe have carried her fame throughout the world. At the beginning of life she was the sunshine of a rich and happy household, and was herself the heiress of some 20,000 francs a year. In some way, I do not know exactly how, her father's affairs went badly, and he was brought face to face with bankruptcy. Hoping that the fortune of himself and daughter would suffice for his wants, it was obtained without the slightest difficulty, and all was lost in a very short space of time. The family was reduced to necessitous poverty. Mlle. Desclée was then a girl of some sixteen or seventeen years, and with the feeling of strength which belongs to this charming age. Dreams of a future marriage had already been repeated in the family, and a brilliant match was counted upon for a girl of her fortune and hopes, but in a moment all these bright dreams were swept away. After many attempts, Mlle. Aimée procured a situation as reader and companion, a sort of governess, in a wealthy Russian family, and her talents as a musician and as a reader of dramatic poetry were soon recognized. At the parties and receptions which were given she often read with great effect, and more than once saw her name in the "Chroniques" of the day. But at length the Russian Prince returned to St. Petersburg, and Mlle. Aimée was without a place. She sought and sought for one in vain, and one day, in a fit of despair, threw herself into the Seine. She was seen at the moment she sprung over the parapet of the bridge, and happily drawn out of the water alive. Her story happened to reach the ears of an author who had heard her read at an evening soirée, and through him the young girl obtained a minor position in a troupe then starting for Italy. From this time she devoted herself entirely to her new profession, and for some years very little was heard of her. At length, however, news began to arrive of the successes at Milan, Naples, and other places, of a Mlle. Desclée, and the artists who returned spoke in high terms of a young lady who was rapidly making a name.

Several years passed, during which Mlle. Desclée's name was seen from time to time, when a happy accident brought her into note. While at Brussels, one day M. Alexandre Dumas received the following note:

DEAR SIR: I play in "Diane de Lys" this evening. It will be very amiable on your part if you will come and hear me. AIMEE DESCLEE.

Dumas accepted the invitation, and was delighted with the rendering of his famous character. He complimented the actress, and the next day came to Paris. His first visit was to M. Montigny. "I have found a star for you," he said at once, and as a leading actress was then in great demand, the manager was very anxious to learn the particulars. Upon Dumas' recommendation a telegram was sent to Mlle. Desclée, offering her an engagement at the Gymnase. As this was the object of her ambition, one can imagine with what pleasure she accepted it. She made a favorable impression from the outset and was soon regarded as the most talented artiste of the day. In "Frou-Frou" she was charming, and none who saw her in Dumas' later pieces can ever forget the exquisite grace and tact which she displayed upon the stage. In "Une Visite de Noces" and "La Princesse Georges" she was admirable. One detail may be given here to show that the life of a successful actress is not altogether as flowery as it appears to the public. Mlle. Desclée received only 12,000 francs a year, and her costumes for either of the above dramas cost her 6,000 francs. How was she able to live? One knows how many actresses do manage to get through the year, and come out rich in diamonds and costly presents, but Aimée Desclée was not one of the sort. She lived in the most economical and modest way with Césarine, 3,000 francs covering, perhaps, the expenses of both. It was not until Mlle. Desclée went to London and won great triumphs there that she began to put aside a little money. Such a life—a life of labor and sacrifice—is worthy of the space which I here devote to her memory, worthy the fine articles which have appeared yesterday and to-day throughout the world.

Mlle. Desclée's relations with her family must be imagined, for I have no idea of going into one of her greatest sorrows. It is probable, however, that her relations objected to her remaining upon the stage. Yet they were very proud of boasting to others of her triumphs, as the news of her successes arrived from London. One year ago she came back from London, and appeared, gay and apparently happy, at the annual ball of the artists, given that year at the Grand Opera, since destroyed by fire. She was never robust, and her incessant labors, joined, perhaps, to insufficient nourishment for many years, left her, at thirty-seven, very weak and fragile. Soon after this appearance in public she was attacked by the fatal disease. For many months she bore her sufferings alone, seeing very few, and all her friends seemed to have deserted her. She was often found weeping over this forgetfulness. In the bitterness of her spirit she come to see me without any fear, Sir, I have not got the itch." It was not until news came that she was dying that society gave a thought to her. Then her friends began to leave cards at her door. At the same time an unknown began to leave her every morning a bouquet of white lilacs. She was much touched by this, and tried to find out the name of the sender, but she only found out when the gentleman came with the most celebrated surgeon of Paris, and offered him 20,000 francs if he would perform an operation and save her life. It was Alexandre Dumas. But it was then too late. M. Dumas and M. Montigny were then constant visitors, but in a few days' time Aimée Desclée died in the arms of her faithful Césarine, and was followed to Rène-la-Chaise yesterday in the first snow-storm of the year. As I threw a lilac wreath upon the coffin, I could not help most bitter regrets at having left her in suffering for a year without sending a single card, or without once asking at her door for the state of her health. And how many among those who had met Mlle. Desclée at dinners and receptions, where she was always respected and beloved, found their consciences making the same reproach as they brushed the snow from their hair and turned away from her tomb!

THE CALLENDER CASE.

CHARGE OF JUDGE BENEDICT—THE JURY LOCKED UP FOR THE NIGHT.

The trial of Charles Callender, the Ex-Bank Examiner, was concluded yesterday, before Judge Benedict, in the United States Circuit Court (criminal side.) On the opening of the court Mr. Purdy, Assistant United States District Attorney, resumed his summing up. He reviewed the evidence generally, but particularly that portion of it which related to the borrowing of the money from the Ocean National Bank. He said that it was foolish for the defense to pretend that this money was borrowed for the benefit of the Portage Lake Company, in the face of the fact that not one man of that company came forward during the trial to say that it was obtained for that company, and that he (Callender) received only a commission for his services. It was equally fool'ish, he said, for Callender to assert that the Chicago fire was the cause of his not paying his debts. He had received his money, and put it in his pocket, long before the occurrence of that event, and the fire, that brought ruin to so many, could not possibly have affected him. The absence of all the Portage Lake Company could be accounted for, he said, only on the theory that they were all men who had been duped, or had duped others into that project. So that either they did not dare come forward, or the counsel for the defense did not dare to bring them before the public to tell the story of the wrongs inflicted on them by this company, and especially by Callender. He then took up the report of the Ocean Bank, made by Callender at the request of Ex-Judge Fancher, and said that the defendant could be acquitted though every word of that report were true, for the charge in the indictment was that he made no report to the Controller of the Currency. At the same time, counsel held that the evidence showed that the bank was then entirely insolvent, and the report entirely false. And the fact, he said, that Mr. Stephenson, the President of the Ocean Bank, testified that he would not have loaned money to any one but the Bank Examiner on Portage Lake bonds as security, showed clearly that the money was given simply in order that he might not make known the rotten condition of this bank. This was, he said, the plainest kind of bribery, and that report was calculated to deceive, and that was the charge set forth in the indictment. Counsel then stated that Callender was the man who, as "the capper and steerer," had decoyed Ex-Judge Fancher into the rotten concern of the Ocean Bank, so that his appearance at the Board of Directors would lead men to suppose that the bank was sound.

At this point Mr. Fullerton arose and said: "I think your Honor ought to place some limit to this. The evidence shows that Mr. Fancher sought out Mr. Callender and asked him to make a report of the condition of the bank." Mr. Purdy said in reply: "If Callender had been an honest man he would not have put his name to a false report. On the contrary, he should have informed a high-toned gentleman like Judge Fancher that the assets of the bank consisted of unavailable and worthless securities." He then continued his review of the evidence.

Judge Benedict charged the jury briefly and forcibly, setting the law and the turning points of the evidence before them with much clearness. He alluded to the importance of the case to the entire community. He Honor stated the powers and duties of Bank Examiners, and recited the statutes governing their official conduct. He told the jury the issues they were called upon to decide, and said he desired that the verdict they rendered should be entirely theirs, and consequently he would carefully refrain from intimating his individual opinion upon all questions of facts. He charged very fully upon the law of the case, saying that the report made by the prisoner to Judge Fancher was not an official one, and therefore he could not be convicted, even if it was false, under an indictment charging that he received money to influence his official action. Whether or not the securities he gave for these loans were good, or whether or not the prisoner intended to return the $76,000 were questions which did not enter into the case. The only question, he said, that did enter into it was "what was the intention of Charles Callender when he took the loans which make up this sum of $76,000?" The prisoner made an official examination of the accounts of this bank, and reported to the effect that he was paid for it on the order of the Controller of the Currency as an official act. As a matter of law, his Honor said that it was Callender's duty to make a report of this examination to the Controller of the Currency. He (Judge Benedict) then proceeded to the question arose, "Did he omit making this report from a corrupt intent?" To decide that question all the circumstances introduced into the case should be taken into consideration. He charged very fully upon the subject of that reasonable doubt of the prisoner's guilt which is always given to him in criminal cases. The jury retired at 4 o'clock P. M. At 6:30 P. M. the jury returned to court and asked for the statement book of the Ocean Bank, and the order from the Controller of the Currency instructing that bank to pay Callender $100 for his services in examining that institution. The court complied with the request. At the same time, however, the Judge instructed them that these articles had nothing to do with the real merits of the case, and could not assist them in their deliberations. On leaving court, Charles J. Godfrey, one of the jurors, said that it was useless to keep them together, as they could never arrive at an unanimous verdict. Judge Benedict said that in view of the importance of the case, and the length of time it occupied, he could not discharge them until they had given the case thorough consideration. He added that if they agreed upon a verdict before 11 o'clock, he would attend to receive it. Subsequently he intimated that he would take a verdict to-day. The jury then returned to deliberate. At 11 o'clock they were locked up for the night.

TAMMANY HALL.

At the meeting of the Tammany Hall Committee on Organization, yesterday, the question of the contest between the two rival committees from the Twentieth Assembly District was taken up. A committee of five from each Assembly district in the City was appointed to decide the claims of the contesting parties.

STATISTICS FOR THE WEEK.

The Police arrested 1,468 persons during the past week.... There were reported at the Bureau of Vital Statistics for the past week, 525 deaths, 443 births, and 110 marriages, showing a decrease of 32 deaths, 47 births, and 68 marriages, as compared with the previous week.

RUSSIAN BATHS.

The following letters bear strong testimony to the value of the Russian Baths, at No. 25 East Fourth street. These baths are the resort of thousands of our citizens, and all who use them will bear similar testimony to that of Mr. Vandenhoff and Rev. Dr. Deems:

NEW-YORK, March 24, 1874.

I have great pleasure in adding my tribute of commendation to your baths, from which I have personally derived great benefit. In all cases where a gouty or rheumatic diathesis exists, I consider them invaluable, both as a preventive and a cure. They are, besides, delightful in the luxurious feeling of repose and comfort which they induce.

GEO. VANDENHOFF,
No. 106 West Forty-second street, New-York.

Since I commenced the use of your Vapor Baths, I have done more work and kept in better health, and avraged ten pounds more in weight, than during any previous portion of my life of the same length. Rev. CHARLES F. DEEMS,
Church of the Strangers, New-York City.
—*Commercial Advertiser*.

Piles or Hemorrhoids

Positively and permanently cured by absorption, without pain, danger, caustics, or instruments. W. A. McCANDLISS, M. D., & SON, No. 2,001 Arch st., Philadelphia. At St. Nicholas Hotel, New-York, until April 4, and every alternate two weeks.—*Advertisement.*

A SATISFACTORY REFERENCE.—The best reference that can be given as to the efficacy of Udolpho Wolfe's Schiedam Aromatic Schnapps is Father Time. It has prolonged the lives of thousands of dyspeptics and other feeble invalids, whom the old Dutchman would have otherwise mowed down prematurely.—*Advertisement.*

REMOVAL.—New patterns Tamboured Lace, French Guipure and Nottingham Curtains, beautiful designs for lambrequins; Piano Table Covers, &c. G. L. KELTY & CO., Importers, No. 184 5th av. Prices low for first-class goods.—*Advertisement.*

Kill Dandruff, Keep the Scalp Clean and the hair in beautiful condition, by the use of THE PHALON HAIR INVIGORATOR. There is nothing like it. Beware of substitutes. MORSE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, No. 9 Gold st., New-York.—*Advertisement.*

Civilization received a new impulse by the invention of the Elastic Truss, 683 Broadway, which retains rupture comfortably, night and day, till permanently cured.—*Advertisement.*

Soothe the Irritated Scalp Skin by using BURNETT'S COCOAINE.—*Advertisement.*

Don't buy an "Elastic Truss" till you have seen Pomeroy's, price $4, at 744 Broadway.—*Advertisement.*

Rupture.

Dr. MARSH, (late of No. 2 Vesey st.,) may be consulted at Rooms Nos. 18 and 19 Astor House, (ladies' entrance in Vesey st.,) until May 1, when he may be found at the old-established office,

NO. 2 VESEY ST.

No connection whatever with No. 2 Vesey st. until May 1.

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THE OCEAN DEPTHS.

THE STEAMER TUSCARORA'S SURVEY OF THE BED OF THE PACIFIC.

ITS ADAPTABILITY TO THE LAYING OF A SUBMARINE CABLE TO THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

The Honolulu *Gazette* of March 4 gives some interesting details of the work of the United States steamer Tuscarora, Commander George E. Belknap, in surveying the ocean bed of the North Pacific. It says: "The Tuscarora commenced her work in the Pacific in September, 1873, and sounded on a route running westerly from Cape Flattery, at the entrance to Puget Sound, to a point about north latitude 53°, and west longitude 150°, near the Aleutian chain of islands. On this voyage 34 casts of the sounding apparatus were made, varying in depth from 88 fathoms near Cape Flattery to 2,534 fathoms at the point in mid-ocean stated above. This is known as the northern telegraph route.

The second voyage of the Tuscarora is the one in which she is now engaged. It commenced at San Diego, Southern California, which port the ship left on the 6th of January, 1874, and following a straight line to these islands, arrived here on the 2d of February. During the 27 days occupied on the passage, sixty-two casts were made with the sounding apparatus, varying in depth from 71 fathoms off San Diego to 3,054 fathoms (about 3½ statute miles) in mid-ocean, and 63 fathoms near these islands. On the first night out after leaving San Diego, the lead suddenly struck bottom in 203 fathoms, the previous cast having shown a depth of 1,053 fathoms. The cup was drawn up much battered, and without having secured any sand, which showed that it must have struck on the pinnacle of a submarine range. A second cast made as soon as possible showed a depth of 328 fathoms. This seems to prove the existence of a submarine mountain range running parallel with the coast, as was believed to exist by Lieut. Brooks, of the schooner Fenimore Cooper. Whatever ridge there may be is thought to be irregular and not continuous. About 60 miles east of Hawaii the ocean bed indicates a rise of 3,500 feet above the level to the east and west of it. Here, we may presume, is the germ of a new volcanic island, now gradually rising. Whenever the survey of the ocean bed is made in a more south-easterly direction from Hawaii, (which is the course that the volcanic upheavals in this ocean are found to follow,) the summit of a submarine volcano may be discovered much nearer the surface than on the line which has been lately surveyed.

The apparatus in use for sounding on the Tuscarora is what is known as Thompson's. A fine steel piano-wire serves for a line, and has been found well adapted, as it possesses pliability and great strength, and is capable of sustaining a weight of over 200 pounds, yet weighing only 12 pounds to the mile. This wire is carried down by means of a 55-pound iron shot, which becomes detached as soon as it strikes the bottom. The copper cup which brings up the sand is attached directly over the shot, and is invariably brought up filled with mud, sand, or ooze, which is generally very fine, the color varying in different localities, but usually partaking of a light olive. Some specimens which Lieut. Brooks had taken in a higher latitude, were of a lighter or greyish color, and as fine as flour. The wire used in sounding is reeled on a drum two feet in diameter and a few inches in breadth, and though it has been used over 200 times, it is as bright and free from rust as when first brought on board. The shortest time occupied in making a sounding of 2,500 fathoms (over 2½ miles in depth,) and reeling the wire in again was one hour and twenty minutes, though generally it takes over two hours. No accident of any kind has been reported to us.

Many interesting facts will doubtless be elicited from this new branch of naval service. The temperature of the water, at the depth of two to three miles, does not vary much, ranging from 36° to 39° Fahrenheit, but at less depths it is probably influenced more by currents flowing from warm and cold latitudes. The popular belief that the density of water in the ocean increases in a great degree with its depth, has been proved to be an error. For a long distance between this group and the American coast the bed of the ocean was found to be very level, varying scarcely a fathom to the mile, so that, to use the expressive phrase of an officer, a railroad train could be run over most of the ocean bed surveyed. So far as the survey has been made between this group and the coast, the ocean bed has been found most admirably adapted for laying a telegraphic cable. The ridge referred to presents no obstructions whatever, as the rise on either side is quite gradual.

From this port the Tuscarora proceeds westward, and will continue her surveys to Japan, and then return to America via the northern route. This ship has been found admirably adapted to the service for which she was detailed, and we doubt not that the knowledge gained from her cruise will be invaluable to future ocean telegraphy in the Pacific. Lieut. Commander Belknap and his corps of assistants the Navy Department has secured officers who give every evidence of being the right men in the right place."

THE NEW WINE TARIFF.

A great deal of interest is taken by those engaged in the wine and spirit trade in this City and throughout the country in the bill fixing a specific duty on still wines now pending in Congress. The Wine and Spirit Traders' Society of this City, which is the representative of large business interests here and elsewhere, have used their influence to have the duty fixed at forty cents per gallon and $1 50 per case. The bill now under consideration at Washington fixes the duty at fifty cents per gallon and $2 per case. This bill has been referred to the Ways and Means Committee, and in connection therewith the Secretary of the Treasury has written a letter to the committee favoring the wishes of the Wine and Spirit Traders' Society. The committee, nevertheless have reported in favor of the bill. The members, however, being almost equally divided in opinion, so that the matter now rests with the vote of the House and Senate. A strong influence has been brought to bear by leading spirit-traders in Kentucky in favor of the bill; and a petition from merchants in Los Angeles, Cal., has been presented to Congress to have the bill passed. The California wine and spirit merchants labor under the misapprehension that the Wine and Spirit Traders' Society of this City is endeavoring to have the duty on still wines reduced forty per cent. below the figures recommended in the bill; or, more plainly, that the society want the duty fixed at ten cents a gallon. This of course is incorrect. The petitioners themselves recommend that the duty be fixed at forty cents, and that is just what the wine and spirit traders' ask for. Under the present tariff the duty on the lower grades of still wines is twenty-five cents per gallon, and the society representing the importers are willing to pay forty cents per gallon in order to avoid the inconvenience and delay of appraisement. The society claims that with the duty fixed at forty cents native still-wines are protected, because that is their actual valuation. It is authoritatively stated that New-Yorkers have arranged to enter into the California wine business, anticipating that the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury to have the duty fixed at forty cents per gallon, will prevail. The New-York Society of Traders claims that the revenues of the country from this source will be increased largely with the specific duty at forty cents per gallon on still wines, and that, with such duty, the importation of inferior grades will be largely broken up. A committee will be delegated by the society to properly present the matter at Washington before it reaches a vote.

COTTON IN GEORGIA.

A gentleman who has recently traveled extensively in Georgia informs the Augusta *Chronicle* that the acreage in cotton will be about twenty-five per cent. less than last year. A larger area of land will be devoted to corn and small grain. The State Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry recommended one-third in cotton and two-thirds in corn and other cereals, and such products as are needful for the support of man and beast.

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of our SPRING OPENING, and to AFFORD OUR CUSTOMERS in the SUBURBS an OPPORTUNITY of VISITING our ESTABLISHMENT before the SPRING CLOSES, we announce that MONDAY, MARCH 30, will positively be
THE LAST DAY
of the PUBLIC EXHIBITION of our PARISIAN ATTRACTIONS and NOVELTIES for the COMING SEASON.

LORD & TAYLOR,
BROADWAY AND 20TH ST.

CANTON SILKS
Arnold, Constable & Co.,
Broadway, corner 19th st.,
Will offer during this week
CANTON CRAPES, all colors.
CANTON PLAID SILKS.
CANTON GLACE SILKS.
CANTON GRASS CLOTHS.
PONGEE HDKFS.
CANTON MATTINGS, &c.—This is the first offering of REAL CANTON GOODS made in many years, and is well worthy of an early inspection.
SPRING EXHIBITION OF THE
Latest Paris Novelties,
ON MONDAY, MARCH 30, OF
Walking and Carriage Costumes, Reception and Evening Dresses, Jackets, &c., &c.
Also a fine line of their own
CELEBRATED MANUFACTURE.
French Dress Goods.
Solid Colored Satin Striped Taffetas.
Solid Colored Plain and Twilled Challies.
Solid Colored Basket Cloths.
Solid Colored Diagonals and Mohairs.
MOURNING DEPARTMENT
Replete with all the LATEST NOVELTIES.
EMBROIDERIES.
"ECRU" FLOUNCINGS, INSERTINGS AND EDGINGS, for trimming BATISTE SUITS and POLONAIS.
A fine line of FRENCH MACHINE EMBROIDERY.
French BANDS, TRIMMINGS, PLAITINGS, &c.
PRINTED BORDERED HANDKERCHIEFS.
PONGEE SILK-BORDERED HANDKERCHIEFS.
SPRING SUITINGS,
SCOTCH TWEEDS, FANCY ENGLISH AND FRENCH CASSIMERES.
DIAGONAL AND SERGE OVERCOATINGS, &c., &c.
OUTFITS
COMPLETE FOR
Infants, Misses, and Ladies,
Furnished, READY-MADE or TO ORDER, at short notice.
Wedding Trousseaux,
(A SPECIALTY.)
In connection with the above we have opened a Department for
BOYS' CLOTHING,
(From three to seven years of age.)
Where every requisite in this line can be obtained AT REASONABLE PRICES.
Wholesale and Retail Upholstery Department.
All the LATEST NOVELTIES now open.
FURNITURE COVERINGS,
CRETONNES, SATTEENS, &c.
LACE AND NOTTINGHAM CURTAINS, AND DRAPERY MATERIALS,
Of every description.
N. B.—CHURCHES, HOTELS, and STEAMERS furnished at short notice.
CARPET DEPARTMENT
Will open on MONDAY, 30th inst.
NEW STYLES
Aubusson, Axminster, Tourney, Wilton, Brussels, Velvet, Tapestry, Three-Ply, Ingrain, and Venetian Carpetings.
A beautiful assortment of
FANCY AND WHITE
FRESH CANTON MATTINGS,
English and American Oil-Cloths, Druggets, Rugs, Mats, &c., &c.
GRENADINES, GRENADINES.
WARRANTED
PURE SILK AND WOOL.
2 YARDS WIDE, 32 PER YARD, WORTH $3 50.
2 YARDS WIDE, 32 50 PER YARD, WORTH $4.
¾ WIDE, 50 CENTS, $1, $1 25, WORTH $1, $1 25, AND $1 50.
¾ WIDE, 50 CENTS, WORTH 65 CENTS.
CASHMERES, MERINOES, HENRIETTA CLOTHS, TAMISE CLOTHS, BOMBAZINES, &c., AT A GREAT REDUCTION.
BLACK SILKS, $2, $2 25, $2 50.
ELEGANT GOODS.
ONE CASE CAMELS' 7-4 HAIR CASHMERES $2, WORTH $3.
POSITIVELY THE FINEST IMPORTED.
ONE CASE STEEL MOHAIRS 30 CENTS, WORTH 50 CENTS.
ALPACAS AND PURE MOHAIRS,
GENUINE BARGAINS.
JACKSON'S MOURNING STORE,
NO. 729 BROADWAY AND WAVERLEY PLACE.
RICHARD MEARES,
6TH AV. AND 19TH ST.
We would respectfully announce to our customers and the public generally that on
Wednesday, April 1,
and to continue during the week,
we will have a special opening of
Pipe Imported Round Hats and Bonnets.
Also a large assortment of our own manufacture in choicest novelties and designs.
Our shapes and styles are entirely new, and will include many of exquisite design, specially prepared for this exhibition.
Also, an unusually choice and attractive assortment of fine Paris Flowers, Feathers, Ornaments, Ribbons, and other novelties just received, and to which we invite a special visit of inspection.
RICHARD MEARES,

DRY GOODS.

JAMES McCREERY & CO.,
BROADWAY AND 11TH ST.
1874. Grand Spring Opening. 1874.
WILL EXHIBIT
On Tuesday, March 31,
THEIR NEW STYLES OF
RECEPTION,
CARRIAGE,
DINNER, AND
EVENING DRESSES,
WALKING SUITS,
MISSES' SUITS AND DRESSES,
INFANTS' WARDROBES, &c., &c.,
In all the latest Parisian styles, and for which we respectfully solicit an inspection by the ladies of New-York and vicinity.

JAMES McCREERY & CO.,
BROADWAY AND 11TH ST.,
will sell on MONDAY, March 30,
FANCY STRIPED SILKS,
in pretty designs and colors, 90c., $1, and $1 25.
PLAIN COLORED SILKS,
in great variety, and at prices never before offered by the trade.
THE "CACHEMIRE SUBLIME"
BLACK SILK,
soft satin finish, for Summer wear, warranted not to crack or break by the hardest usage, $1 90 per yard.

JAMES McCREERY & CO.,
BROADWAY AND 11TH ST.
Llama Lace
Shawls and Sacques.
We will exhibit on MONDAY, March 30, an elegant assortment of new patterns and shapes in
LLAMA LACE SHAWLS,
SACQUES, POLONAISE, &c.,
received per late steamers.
Also, new styles in
OTTOMAN STRIPED SHAWLS,
from $4 upward.
Plain and Striped Challie Shawls, from $2.
Berlin Wool Shawls reduced to $2.
BLACK, EMBROIDERED, and MOURNING SHAWLS in great variety.

JAMES McCREERY & CO.,
BROADWAY AND 11TH ST.
HOUSEKEEPING DEPARTMENT.
Will offer on MONDAY, March 30, a large and attractive stock of Linen Goods, in
SHIRTINGS, in every quality.
SHEETINGS, in all widths.
8-4 Bleached Damasks, from 75c. to $1, extra value.
Napkins, from $1 per dozen to the finest imported.
Towelings in all widths.
A job lot of the Damask Cloths, from two to four yards each, (a great bargain.)
DOMESTIC SHIRTINGS AND SHEETINGS,
in all the leading makes, at agents' prices.
AT SMITH'S PATTERN BAZAAR,
No. 914 Broadway, near 20th st., New-York.
SPRING FASHIONS—Beautiful changes in walking toilets and children's dresses. Patterns, with CLOTH MODELS, now ready; SMITH'S INSTANT DRESS ELEVATOR. Price seventy-five cents; mailed for two stamps extra. For sale everywhere. They save more than ten times their cost in a day.
INDIA SHAWLS.—WILL CLOSE UP THE BUSIness in two weeks, and during that time will sell the balance of stock at less than cost of importation.
J. RUSSELL, No. 33 East 20th st.

DIVIDENDS.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY.
OFFICE, No. 227 SOUTH 4TH ST.,
PHILADELPHIA, March 25, 1874.
DIVIDEND NOTICE.
The transfer-books of this company will be closed on the 31st inst., and reopened on MONDAY, April 13, next.
A quarterly dividend of TWO AND A HALF PER CENT. has been declared on the preferred and common stock, clear of all taxes, payable in cash, on and after the 24th of April next, to the holders thereof, as they shall stand registered on the books of the company at the close of business on the 31st inst.
All dividends payable at this office, where blank orders for dividends can be obtained.
S. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.
The regular Quarterly Dividend of One and One-quarter per Cent. on the capital stock of the Pacific Railroad (or Missouri) will be paid at the office of the company, No. 3 Broad st., New-York, April 20, 1874, to stockholders of record on April 1, 1874. The transfer-books will remain closed from April 1 to 5 inclusive.
CLINTON B. FISK, Treasurer.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 24, 1874.

LOUISVILLE AND NASHVILLE RAILROAD CONSOLIDATED MORTGAGE BONDS.
Coupons from above bonds due April 1 prox., will be paid on and after that date, upon presentation at the office of Messrs. DREXEL, MORGAN & CO., No. 32 Wall st., New-York.
W. RANNEY, Secretary.

BRAYEN BRANCH RAILROAD COMPANY.
TREASURER'S OFFICE, No. 3 BROAD ST.,
NEW-YORK, March 18, 1874.
THE QUARTERLY DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT. will be paid April 5, at the office of the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company, No. 3 Broad st., to stockholders of record on April 1, 1874. The transfer-books will remain closed from April 1 to 5, inclusive.
CLINTON B. FISK, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK, PROVIDENCE AND BOSTON RAILROAD COMPANY, (STONINGTON RAILROAD,)
NEW-YORK, March 20, 1874.
A QUARTERLY DIVIDEND OF TWO AND One-half per Cent., out

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

ATTRACTIVE SALE

OF

EIGHT VERY VALUABLE LOTS

ON

GRAND BOULEVARD AND SIXTY-NINTH ST.,

AND

TWENTY VALUABLE LOTS ON 10TH AV., 76TH AND 77TH STS.,

BY ORDER OF R. A. WITTHAUS, ESQ.

Adrian H. Muller & Son will sell at auct on, on THURSDAY, April 9, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, the following-described real estate, viz.:

GRAND BOULEVARD.

The four EXTRA-SIZED lots on the southeast corner of Grand Boulevard and 69th st., and also the four full-sized lots on south side of 69th st., in the rear of the Grand Boulevard lots.

10TH AV.

Eight lots, comprising the entire easterly front on 10th av., between 76th and 77th sts.

76TH AND 77TH STS.

Six lots on the north side of 76th st., and 6 lots on the south side of 77th st., in the rear of the 10th av. lots, and near

THE CENTRAL PARK.

Sixty per cent. may remain on bond and mortgage.

Maps at office of auct oneer, No. 7 Pine st.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

EXECUTRIX'S SALE

OF

ELEGANT

HOUSES AND LOTS,

IN

FIEDLER PARK,

ON THE RICHMOND TURNPIKE,

EDGEWATER,

STATEN ISLAND.

ADRIAN H. MULLER & SON will sell at auction on THURSDAY, April 2, 1874, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, by order of the Executrix of the estate of the late Ernest Fiedler, the six houses and lots situate in Fiedler Park, on the Richmond Turnpike, Edgewater, Staten Island, and about 500 yards from the Sloman-boat ferry landing at Tompkinsville, Quarantine landing, and within thirty minutes of New-York, and also about ten minutes by horse cars of the North Shore Ferry Landing at New-Brighton. This property commands the most extended view of the Bay of New-York and its approach through Sandy Hook, the Hudson River, and the Kill Von Kull, and for beauty of scenery, healthfulness, and accessibility is unsurpassed by any other location. The rapidly-increasing population of Staten Island, the many enterprises springing up within its limits, the relative value of land, as compared with neighboring suburbs of New-York, render this sale a most tempting opportunity for capitalists to invest in a property which is almost certain of producing large profits at no distant day. The houses are in excellent order, with gas, hot and cold water. After the 1st day of May next ferry-boats will leave South Ferry every half hour.

TITLE PERFECT.

Maps at the Auctioneer's office, No. 7 Pine st.

H. HENRIQUES, Auctioneer.

BY ALLEN, DOOLEY & HENRIQUES.

Office No. 96 Broadway.

JONATHAN W. ALLEN, WILLIAM A. DOOLEY, HORATIO HENRIQUES.

REAL ESTATE AT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SALE.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1874,

at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway.

PARTITION SALE—BY ORDER OF THE HEIRS OF JOHN ODELL, DECEASED.

THIRD AVENUE—Two-story store and dwelling, brick and frame house and lot, No. 797 3d av. Size 25.5x92.

THIRD AVENUE—Two-story store and dwelling, frame house and lot, No. 799 2d av. Size 25x92.

EAST FORTY-NINTH STREET—Three-story and basement Philadelphia brick dwelling-house and lot, No. 205 East 49th st. Size of house, 22x35; lot, 22x50.5.

Sixty per cent. can remain on bond and mortgage.

ALSO,

PARTITION SALE—BY ORDER OF THE HEIRS OF HUGH MCCAFFRY, DECEASED.

EAST TWENTY-EIGHTH STREET—Three-story, cellar, store, and dwelling brick house and lot, No. 206 East 28th st., with four-story brick house on rear. Size of house, 21x28; lot, 21x84.

EAST THIRTY-EIGHTH STREET—Three-story and basement frame house and lot, No. 210 East 38th st. Size of house, 18.3x40; lot, 18.3x100 and 101.6.

EAST FORTY-FIRST STREET—Three-and-a-half-story brick and frame house and lot, No. 221 East 41st st. Size of house, 22x30; lot, 25x irregular.

Fifty per cent. can remain on bond and mortgage.

ALSO,

PEREMPTORY SALE ON VALUABLE UNIMPROVED PROPERTY ON 4TH, 5TH, MADISON, AND 7TH AV., BOULEVARD AND 77TH ST., BETWEEN MADISON AND 5TH AVS.

FIFTH AVENUE—One lot, south-east corner of 5th av. and 77th st. Size, 27.2x100.

MADISON AVENUE—One lot, east side of Madison av., 78 feet 8 inches south of 77th st.

FOURTH AVENUE—One lot, south-west corner of 4th av. and 101st st.

THIRD AVENUE—One lot, west side of 4th av., 50 feet north of 104th st.

SEVENTH AVENUE—Three lots, west side of 7th av., 25 feet 8 inches south of 111th st.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET—One lot, south side of 77th st., 100 feet east of 5th av.

Maps and particulars at the office of the auctioneers, No. 96 Broadway.

DIGGINS, PORTER & CO., Auctioneers.

PARTITION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY.—DIGGINS, PORTER & CO. will sell at auct on, TUESDAY, March 31, at the Exchange Sales-room, 111 Broadway, at 12 o'clock M., brown-stone house, No. 302, and 306 East 120th st., and 356 East 124t st.; also, a 116th st., 254.2 w. 3d av.; brick, s. s. 113th st., 110 feet e. of 1st av., 25d Ward.—8. s. 136th st., 100 e. Alexander av.—Cottage and 3 lots s. s. corner Southern Boulevard and Lincoln av. Maps and particulars apply to office, 111 Broadway and 2,308 3d av.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer, No. 7 Pine st.

SUPREME COURT SALE OF HOUSE AND LOT, No. 196 East 81st st.

ADRIAN H. MULLER & SON will sell at auction on TUESDAY, March 31, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, by order of Supreme Court, Hon. Wm. Sinclair, Referee, the four-story high-stoop brown-stone front house and lot, No. 196 East 81st st., south side, between 3d and Lexington avs.; lot 19x100.5.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

EXECUTRIX'S SALE OF VALUABLE BUSINESS property, No. 12 Dutch st., at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, on MONDAY, March 30, at 12 o'clock M., by order of the executors of the estate of John Hague, deceased, the extensive Exchange 97x26 feet, standing on leased ground, (reformed Dutch Church lease,) fourteen years to run; $500 per annum, with privilege of twenty-one years' renewal. Terms at sale.

SUPREME COURT SALE.—RICHARD V. HARNETT, Auctioneer, will sell at auction on TUESDAY, March 31, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, under the direction of Frank Rudd, Esq., No. 169 East 87th st., the pleasant located three-story brick and frame house and lot, No. 160 feet west of 3d av., north side 87th st.; lot 20x100.8½. Maps, &c., at No. 111 Broadway.

HUGH N. CAMP, Auctioneer.

WILL SELL AT AUCTION ON THURSDAY, March 31, 1874, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, the valuable leasehold, No. 9 Winthrop place, three-story and basement brick house, with brown-stone trimmings, 25x80 feet, let 100 feet deep; $10,000 purchase money can remain on bond and mortgage.

Maps, &c., at auctioneer's office, No. 106 Broadway.

HUGH N. CAMP, Auctioneer.

WILL SELL AT AUCTION, ON THURSDAY, April 2, 1874, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway:

TENTH AVENUE—Two full lots, on east side, 25.2x lot south of 125th st., size 25.2x100 feet each.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

NO. 929 MADISON AV.—FOUR-STORY HIGH-stoop brown-stone dwelling, 20x50, lot 80; hard wood on three floors, and improving neighborhood; $40,000. Permits of

WM. H. RAYNOR,

No. 5½ Pine st.

COLLIN & LEE,

Auctioneers and Real Estate Brokers,

No. 4 UNION SQUARE,

offer this week to prompt buyers,

four-story English basement brown stone house, in 13th st., between 2d and 3d avs.

ALSO,

choice 5th av. lots, fronting Central Park,

and a number of other bargains.

A BARGAIN.—THREE FOUR-STORY BROWN-stone houses, all hard wood finish, West 62d st. 164 feet west of Boulevard; corner, $27,000; other two $23,000; also a first-class four-story brown-stone at the Park entrance, No. 308 West 58th st. Apply to WILLIAM BELL, No. 308 West 58th st., builder and owner.

FOR SALE—A FIRST-CLASS HOUSE, NO. 55 PARK-av., between 37th and 38th sts.; brown-stone, high stoop, hard-wood finish; all the modern improvements; sixty per cent. can remain on bond and mortgage. For permits and price, inquire of

E. S. HAYWARD, No. 844 Broadway.

FOR SALE.—A BEAUTIFUL HOUSE ON 36TH ST., just west of and close to 5th av., about 17 by 60, lot 100, in complete order from cellar to roof; frescoed, &c., with all recent gas-fixtures, &c. For permits and particulars apply to W. H. RAYNOR, No. 5½ Pine st.

AT TREMONT, (TWENTY-FOURTH WARD,) ON Valentine av., five minutes from depot, a very desirable corner plot, on grade; over seven city lots can be bought on favorable terms. Apply to HUGH N. CAMP, No. 106 Broadway.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—FOUR VALUABLE lots, with cottage, on 83d st., near Grand Boulevard; lots excavated; location excellent.

PETER MCCULLOUGH, owner, 260 West 46th st.

FOR SALE—THE FIRST-CLASS FOUR-STORY brown-stone house, No. 229 West 58th st., close to and to plain view of Central Park. Inquire on the premises.

FOR SALE CHEAP—LEASE OF A THREE-story and basement brick house, and stable, 8 stalls, all in excellent order; 325 West 28th st.; gas and water throughout. S. J. CORBIT, No. 253 9th av.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN.

Ten three-story, high-stoop, brown-stone-front houses, just completed, on 92d st., between 8th and 9th avs.; one of the best streets on the west side, and within 250 feet of the Central Park, which it overlooks.

The recent improvements make the west side the most desirable part of the City, and when rapid transit is adopted, it will bring this property within a few minutes of the City Hall. The present means of access are the Eighth avenue cars and the Grand Boulevard.

Houses are 20x50, with all modern improvements; will be sold on liberal terms, and at a price that makes them an undoubted investment. Apply to SIDNEY C. GENIN, office of James M. Hartshorne & Bro., No. 35 Broad st., from 12 to 3, or W. H. RAYNOR, 5½ Pine st.

HOUSES FOR SALE

ON 57TH AV. AND NEAR-BY STREETS.

SOME REAL BARGAINS.

For particulars and permits, apply to

WM. H. RAYNOR,

No. 5½ Pine st.

FOR SALE OR TO LET.—NO. 20 BEEKMAN place, north-west corner 50th st., 20x50x75, sixteen rooms, hard-wood finish; bay windows, with fine view of East River and Long Island; house in perfect order; mirrors, cornices, and gas-fixtures included; rent low. Inquire on the premises, or of HOLMES BROTHERS, No. 40 East 22d st., or of OWNER, Box No. 1,293 New-York Post Office.

FOR SALE—ABOUT $25,000; MUST BE SOLD; most desirably located fine well-rented four-story high-stoop house, all improvements, No. 586 7th av., at junction with Broadway; this immediate location is rapidly becoming the great up-town business centre, and this property must soon more than double in value; price asked; possession May 1. Apply at No. 238 West 44th st. before 12, and evenings.

TWENTY-FOURTH WARD OF NEW-YORK.—Sixteen lots in one plot for sale at William's Bridge, about 400 feet from the depot, fronting on Washington and Madison avs., eight miles from Grand Central Depot by Harlem and New-Haven Railroads; forty-eight trains a day; terms easy. Owners, HULL, GRIFFEN & CO., No. 310 3d av., New-York.

A VERY CHEERFUL RESIDENCE ON north side of 22d st., near 6th av., three story and large French roof; brick house, 20.10x50; lot 100; in superb order; every room frescoed, papered, and painted to correspond; must be seen to be appreciated. For permits apply to W. H. RAYNOR, No. 5½ Pine st.

RIGHT OUT OF FIFTH AVENUE ENTRANCE into Central Park, on 60th st., elegant new hard-wood finished superb four-story high-stoop admirably-proportioned brown-stone dwelling, 20x65; lot 100 feet; for sale reasonably.

V. K. STEVENSON, JR., No. 11 Pine st.

TWO BUILDING LOTS, FACING CENTRAL Park, 59th st., half way between the superb Fifth Avenue Plaza and Broadway Circle entrance into Central Park, commanding two and a half miles of magnificent views through park; cheap.

V. K. STEVENSON, JR., No. 11 Pine st.

FIFTY-FOURTH ST., VERY NEAR 5TH AV.—A first-class full-sized brown-stone house, with or without the new and elegant furniture, (only one account of death in family;) possession at any time, and terms to suit. Full particulars and permits obtained on application to C. H. LOCK, No. 171 Broadway.

SIXTH AV., ABOVE 45TH ST.—ONE OF THE finest improved corners on the avenue, 100x75; stores and French flats; nearly new; well rented. For sale very cheap; would exchange in part.

W. P. SEYMOUR, No. 171 Broadway.

A BARGAIN.—FOR SALE ON VERY FAVORable terms, a three-story high-stoop brown-stone house, 18.6x52, lot 125; in perfect order; location unsurpassed, being on 5th av., between 129th and 130th sts. Apply to J. R. FRANKLIN, No. 46 East 14th st.

ON CENTRAL AV., (24TH WARD), OPPOsite 170th st.; for sale, a plot of 11½ acres, with house; property is well adapted for a public institution, and it is a location certain to advance largely in value.

HUGH N. CAMP, No. 106 Broadway.

AN ENGLISH-BASEMENT HOUSE FOR sale at a great bargain; location unsurpassed; below 23d st., near 5th av.; very fine order. Apply promptly and get a good purchase.

OGDEN & CLARK, Broadway and 17th st.

A DESIRABLE FOUR-STORY BROWN-STONE high-stoop house for sale on 36th st., between 5th and 6th avs., s se, 20x55x100; in excellent order throughout; will be sold on less than $40,000.

E. R. LUDLOW & CO., No. 3 Pine st.

FOR SALE—A PLEASANT RESIDENCE, WITH ample grounds, filled with fruit and shrubbery, stable and outhouses, 163d st., (West Morrisania,) five minutes' walk from depot; will be sold at a bargain.

D. J. MOLLOY, No. 202 Broadway.

A VERY NICE THREE-STORY HIGH-stoop brown-stone house, No. 141 East 45th st., (formerly 43d street place,) all improvements; price $23,500. For permits apply to W. H. RAYNOR, No. 5½ Pine st.

EIGHTH AV., JUST BELOW CENTRAL PARK.—Three full lots, and one on the street adjoining; will sell cheap to prompt buyer. Apply to

CHARLES H. LOCK, No. 171 Broadway.

A DECIDED BARGAIN.—A THREE STORY high-stoop brown-stone house, 20x50, lot in 129th st., near 6th av.; only $14,500; terms easy.

JOHN S. PIERCE, No. 106 Broadway.

FURNISHED HOUSE FOR SALE OR TO let.—A small house in 52d st., near Broadway, fully furnished; good neighborhood; rent, $1,400. Apply to HUGH N. CAMP, No. 106 Broadway.

FOR SALE—FORTY ACRES AT WILLIAMS' Bridge in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New-York, in lots to suit. Apply to

J. S. MARCY, No. 31 Pine st., Room No. 8.

SALE OR LET.—GOOD COTTAGE, ELEVEN Rooms; four lots; garden, stable, &c.; corner Gerard av. and Juliet st. (Twenty-third Ward.) Apply in next house, Ditchett's.

ELEGANT DWELLINGS CHEAP.—NO. 18 East 57th, Nos. 1, 10 East, 18 West 53d, 16 West 52d, 15 East 48th; 5th av., Nos. 299, 584, 675, 781, 783. V. K. STEVENSON, JR., No. 11 Pine st.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

$100 LOTS AT THE FAMOUS GARDEN CITY PARK, immediately adjoining Mr. A. T. Stewart's gigantic enterprise. Only a few left. Get a map and examine with a view to investment. For a place of residence, the healthiest to be found. Commutation $75 per year; distance eighteen miles; nearer to 34th st. as Elizabeth, N. J., is. Four lots for $400, payable $20 monthly, or one lot at $100, payable $5 per month. Every man, woman, boy, and girl can afford them. Daily excursion at 9:30 A. M. Ladies shown every courtesy. Go and see the property and be convinced of its merits. Maps free at HITCHCOCK'S REAL ESTATE HEAD-QUARTERS, No. 439 3d av., near 30th st.

ENGLEWOOD, N. J.—RESIDENCE FOR SALE—Furnished or unfurnished; one of the finest in the place; house 33 by 44, containing thirteen rooms, with Mansard slate roof; within five minutes' walk of the depot; all modern improvements; situated on high ground; views unsurpassed; grounds largely stocked with select fruit in bearing; good stable and shrubbery; grapes in variety; grounds about two acres; stable complete, with Mansard slate roof; never-failing stream of water across one corner of the lot; if not sold will be rented. The property can be seen at any time, particulars given, by addressing

REAL ESTATE, Englewood, N. J.

FOR SALE.

COUNTRY PLACE ON THE HUDSON,

Two miles north of Newburg, and New-York railroads and boats; commodious house, out-buildings, and fifteen acres of land, with vineyards, charming scenery; location unsurpassed for healthfulness; good society and excellent roads.

FOR SALE IN WHOLE OR PART,

OR, the house furnished, and five acres of land.

TO LET—For the Summer, year, or term of years.

Address for particulars, or visit Post Office Box No. 638, Newburg, N. Y.

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TO LET—ENTIRE OR DIVIDED STORE, NO. 12 Barclay st., with dry and light cellar and subcellar; also, subcellar No. 30 Vesey st. Apply to J. & J. W. MEEKS, No. 30 Vesey st., Room No. 6.

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THE ERIE ROAD BLOCKED—A DEMAND FOR PAY.

THE STRIKERS AT SUSQUEHANNA—A RIOT IMMINENT—THE MILITARY TO BE CALLED UPON.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

SUSQUEHANNA DEPOT, March 28.—The strike among the employes of the Erie Railway machine shops at this point, the most extensive and well-supplied works of the kind in the country, still continues. The complications and excitement become worse hourly, and at the present writing there is every prospect that the struggle will be maintained until the State Militia arrives here, or the demands of the men that they be paid their back pay is fully acceded to. A crowd of malcontents, numbering between 800 and 900 men, are assembled about the depot, and scattered at various points along the line, who are employed in capturing trains, and otherwise stopping transportation on the road. There are now standing here in the round-houses and yards ninety disabled engines, while nearly 1,000 cars on the sidings are filled with freight, coal, and petroleum. Fully $200,000 worth of property is now detained, which the men are determined to hold until they are paid. Yesterday Superintendent Benjamin Thomas decided to run a train through. He went up the road and met an express train. Starting the train he ran it at the rate of forty miles per hour, but the strikers, who were as equally determined not to be onchered, mounted the engine and tender, and captured the train. This signal victory was received with great applause by the men who were gathered about. To-day, Paymaster Richie, of the Delaware Division, announced that he would pay the wages due for February. The pay-roll was called, but the strikers would not accept the proposition, and hooted down the voice of the official, who, with several other officers of the road, protected himself within the office. Sheriff M. B. Helme, of Susquehanna County, had a conference with the Executive Committee of the shopmen. He stated that all wages due would be fully paid by Tuesday, the company stipulating that the men allow passenger travel to be commenced. If this proposition was not accepted he would call upon Gov. Hartranft for troops to take charge of the road and prevent disorder. The discontents took a vote and agreed to accept the proposal. Shortly after, however, the shrieking of the locomotive whistles announced another meeting. At this gathering the Chairman stated that the men had been sold by the Sheriff. He and other speakers then addressed the meeting. It was determined to hold to gether at any cost. The meeting closed with immense enthusiasm. Immediately after an express train came in from Deposit. This was at once captured. At Deposit a large number of emigrants are detained. They are being supplied with food by the citizens. The mails are not disturbed, as has been reported. The militia are now waiting at various points in the State, and if necessary they can reach here at a moment's notice. It is the general impression here that the Erie corporation is bankrupt, and no payments will be made to any of the employes. The people and press of this section are in sympathy with the men, and the opinion among all classes is that the company have acted in very bad faith with all the employes. Exciting events may soon be expected.

THE MEN TO RECEIVE THEIR PAY ON MONDAY.

HARRISBURG, Penn., March 28.—The following dispatch was received here this evening:

SUSQUEHANNA DEPOT, Penn., March 28.

Gov. John F. Hartranft:

Strikers have just consented to let passenger trains run, and also to receive their pay on Monday. I hope the crisis is past. Will keep you advised.

(Signed,) W. H. JESSUP.

LATEST DISPATCHES—RENEWAL OF THE STRIKE—TROOPS TELEGRAPHED FOR.

SUSQUEHANNA DEPOT, Penn., March 28.—The strike has broken out again, and the road is completely blocked this evening. Sheriff Helm has telegraphed Gov. Hartranft for 1,500 troops.

THE MILITARY ORDERED TO SUSQUEHANNA.

SUSQUEHANNA DEPOT, Penn., March 28.—It is reported that a dispatch has been received here from Gov. Hartranft, saying that Gen. Osborne has been ordered to move his division to this place at once.

It is also said that the troops will be here to-morrow morning.

WHAT IS SAID AT THE ERIE OFFICE IN JERSEY CITY.

A Times reporter called at the Erie offices in Jersey City yesterday, and was informed that the company expected the "difficulty" would be amicably arranged in the course of the day. The company were in communication with the men, and expected that the trains would be running regularly from to-day. The general impression seems to be that the company will have to submit to the demands of the strikers, as the force in such a small place as Susquehanna a sufficient number of men to replace those on strike cannot be obtained.

HOW THE STRIKE IS FELT IN WALL STREET.

The stock market closed firm yesterday, with no especial features to note. Erie matters, as usual of late, gave rise to speculation, and the contradictory reports in regard to the condition of the strike of employes kept up an interest. The strikes at Jersey City and Weehawken have been broken up, and strikers have applied for employment at former pay. Erie officials state that orders were given to the Treasurer to pay off striking employes at Susquehanna up to date, and in case of continued trouble to close all the shops at that point. A telegraphic report was ventilated yesterday that the District Attorney at Susquehanna had informed the strikers that they were not violating the law; further, that the Sheriff at Susquehanna was powerless, inasmuch as his posse sympathized with the strikers; also, that the strikers had declared that no trains would be allowed to pass over the line at that point, until their demands were acceded to. Later in the day came the news that orders had been given by the Erie Company to continue the sale of through tickets at this end of the line, as trains were all running. And so all manner of stories were given rise to. The wiseacres of the street predict a very lively time in stocks this week, and the indications certainly point that way. The amount of outside buying at present is remarkably large. Postmaster James received a telegram yesterday afternoon to the effect that the trouble on the Erie Railway Line at Susquehanna would not prevent the transmission of mails by that route. The agents of the Erie Road in the City received directions last evening to resume the sale of tickets for passenger trains.

DEPREDATIONS BY THE STRIKERS—RETURN OF THE "SPECIALS" TO JERSEY CITY.

The strike at Susquehanna interfered considerably with the running of trains yesterday. No trains went beyond that point, and passengers for more distant places were obliged to travel by other routes. The strikers created much disturbance in the town durmg Friday night. They broke into the school-house, destroyed most of the property in it, and committed other unseasonable depredations. The company sent a number of "Specials" from Jersey City to Susquehanna on Friday night, to repress the disorders, but the disturbances had ceased upon their arrival. The company paid them yesterday. It is probable that they will resume work to-morrow, and that trains will be run again as usual. The deputies were brought back soon after their arrival in Susquehanna, and were paid as they passed out of the cars on their arrival in Jersey City. A number of them "repeated" by going back into the cars, and so succeeded in drawing double pay for their services.

THE SCRANTON MILITARY UNDER ARMS.

The Scranton (Penn.) *Republican* of Saturday morning says: "The different military companies of this city assembled at their several armories last night in response to orders telegraphed from Gen. Osborne, of Wilkesbarre, and held themselves in readiness to proceed at a moment's notice to Susquehanna Depot, for the purpose of quelling any riotous demonstrations that might arise out of the extensive strike existing there among the mechanics in the employ of the Erie Railway Company. The latest accounts report the town quiet, and the military of this city, after remaining in readiness until a late hour, received orders from Gen. Osborne to the effect that their services were not required last night."

The same paper says that the strike caused an increase in the travel over the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Road, the passengers being compelled to take other roads at Susquehanna in order to get through to New-York. Friday four car loads of Erie passengers passed over the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad to New-York.

PIGEON SHOOTING.

CONTEST BETWEEN IRA A. PAINE AND JAMES WARD FOR $1,000 AND THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF AMERICA.

In the annals of pigeon-shooting no match has created greater excitement than the contest between the American champion, Ira A. Paine, of this City, and the Canadian champion, James Ward, of Toronto, Canada. The match was for $500 a side and the championship of America. It was arranged last week, after a month had been consumed in challenges and counter challenges. The contest was to have been decided at Fleetwood Park, Morrisania. Mr. Henry Bergh, however, threatened to arrest the principals and seize the pigeons if the contest took place in New-York, and the parties agreed to decide the contest at Stamford, Conn. A special train was chartered to carry the patrons of the sport to that place. Owing to the notoriety of the principals an immense crowd congregated to witness the event. The gathering comprised all classes, all grades and shades who had come from Providence, Buffalo, Philadelphia, and New-Jersey. Delegations from the Jerome Park, Long Island, New-Jersey, and Forester Gun Clubs, of Buffalo, were also in attendance. Among those assembled in front of the Club-house were Thos. Taylor and Wm. Taylor, of New-Jersey; Jas. Woods, of Philadelphia, and a number of other noted sporting celebrities. Payne and Ward have contested matches before now. Their first contest took place at Brockton, Canada West, in February, 1869, when they shot at 50 birds each, for $1,000 and the championship of America. Ward won the match, killing 45 to Paine's 43. On Paine's return to this City, he challenged the Canadian champion to shoot another contest, and the challenge was accepted by Ward. The contest was to have been decided at Paterson, N. J., April 29, 1869, the match being at 100 birds for $2,000 and the championship. The contest resulted in a victory for Paine. They again met Nov. 21, 1870, at Toronto, when they shot at 100 snow-birds for $500. Ward won, killing 82 to Paine's 36. Ward has since defeated Paine at Buffalo. Ward has only one arm; he loads his gun himself, and in many instances "traps and handles" for himself. He has won over twenty matches, and met all the best marksmen in this country, Canada, and England. The conditions of the contest yesterday were as follows: Each to shoot at 100 birds, fifty single rises from H and T traps, Rhode Island rules, and twenty-five double rises each from steel plunge traps, Forester Club of Buffalo rules, the one killing the most out of a hundred to win, for $500 a side and the championship of America, Paine to bring the birds on the ground in two baskets, and Ward to name what basket was to be shot from first. Although Ward came from Toronto, he was allowed no expenses, and all the money taken in at the gate went to Paine. Mr. Ward informed Paine that it is customary in all contests to allow expenses, and the money taken in at the gate is either divided, or each contestant receives a third, and the owner of the track the balance; but in this case Paine would not allow either expenses or a third of the gate-money, and, rather than have the match fall through, Ward gave him all his own way. At 1:30 P. M. Johnson, the pool-seller, of Twenty-eighth street, began to sell pools on the contest. Paine was the favorite on the first fifty single birds, and brought $25, while Ward sold for $20. Shortly after 2 o'clock both men came on the ground. Ernest Staples, of this City, was selected judge for Paine; J. H. Miller, of Markham, for Ward. Oliver Marshall, a noted gambler and pool-seller of Providence, was the referee selected by George Wilkes. Ward had agreed that the latter gentleman should select that official, but when he found out that it was Marshall he would not permit his friends from Canada to wager any money, nor did he wager any himself, although Paine was the favorite on the single birds, and notwithstanding that the birds Ward had to shoot at had been tampered with, Ward killed the majority out of that number, shooting 45 to Paine's 43. In the double bird contest Ward was the favorite. Pools sold, Ward $25, Paine, $13. All through this contest Ward protested that Paine was not holding his gun according to the rules. The referee, although selected by George Wilkes, paid no attention to the protest. Ward also asked the referee repeatedly to keep a friend of Paine's away from the birds, and again Ward received no satisfaction. Several of the outsiders called Ward's attention to the basket of birds that were being "fixed," as one of the parties termed it, but the referee merely ordered him away, and winked at the rascality that was going on. The result was that Ward had to watch the birds in the trap, also those in the basket, and lost the match by five birds. The following is the score:

SINGLE BIRDS.

Paine—1 0 0 1 1, 1 1 1 1 1, 1 1 1 1 1, 0 1 1 1 1, 1 1 1 1 1, 0 1 0 1 0, 1 1 0 1 0—total, 43 out of 50.

Ward—1 1 1 1 1, 1 1 1 1 1, 1 1 1 1 0, 0 1 1 1 1, 1 1 1 1 1, 1 1 1 1 1, 1 0 1 0 1, 1 1 1 1 1—total, 45 out of 50.

DOUBLE BIRDS.

Paine—11, 01, 11, 01, 11, 11, 10, 10, 10, 11; 01, 11, 01, 10, 11, 11, 11, 10, 11, 11, 11, 10, 10, 10—total, 36.

Ward—10, 11, 11, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 00, 10, 11, 00, 10, 11, 11, 11, 00, 11, 11, 11, 11, 11, 00, 11—total, 33.

In the first 50 Paine killed 37 in succession; Ward killed 24. The match lasted two hours, forty minutes. Ward states he will not shoot any more contests East.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

TWO MEN KILLED—OTHERS INJURED—CARELESSNESS OF A SIGNAL OPERATOR.

At about 5 o'clock last evening a collision occurred in Jersey City, on the Harsimus freight branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad, which cost two men their lives, and may result in the death of a third. A freight train, drawn by engine No. 941, was making its way to the freight yards at Harsimus Cove, while another freight train, drawn by engine No. 321, was traveling in the opposite direction. Just beyond the signal office, near the Point of Rocks, the two trains came into collision. The engineers on board of both trains were thrown out of their places. Day, the fireman of No. 941, was caught between the locomotive and tender, and so badly crushed that death was instantaneous. His body was found lying beneath one of the engines. It was badly scalded, and both legs were broken. A brakeman, whose name could not be ascertained, was thrown from the top of one of the freight cars through a hole in the platform of a flat car in advance of that on which he was riding, and then to the ground. His skull was broken in, and one of his arms was almost cut off near the shoulder. The engineer of No. 941, Metz by name, was slightly scalded, and Keyes, the conductor, was badly scalded that there is some doubt of his recovery. The bodies of the dead men were removed to the Morgue on Jersey avenue, Jersey City, and Coroner Parsiow, of Hoboken, was ordered by County Physician Buck to hold an inquest. Several of the cars were damaged. The two colliding engines were badly smashed. The accident is attributable to the gross negligence of the telegraph operator at the signal station near which it happened. He had special directions from the Central Office in Jersey City to give train No. 941 the right of way, and to hold train No. 321 until the other had passed his station. Instead of this he instructed the conductor of No. 321, on its arrival at his station, to go forward, and the result was the collision. As soon as the result of his carelessness became known to him, he fled from the signal office, and was preparing to make his escape, when he was taken in custody by an officer connected with the Third Precinct Police force. He is held to await the result of the Coroner's inquest.

EIGHTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT CONTEST.

The Senatorial committee appointed to investigate the claims of Walter S. Pinckney to the representation of the Eighth Senatorial District, now occupied by Hugh H. Moore, commenced its labors yesterday morning at the Metropolitan Hotel. The Committee consists of Senators Cole, Bradley, and Tobey. Mr. John J. Davenport at the commencement of the proceedings drew the attention of the Committee to the fact that Moore was ineligible for his present position, because he had deserted from the Union Army during the civil war and had not availed of the advantage afforded by the proclamation of 1865. Moore, he said, enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-third Regiment New-York State Volunteers, but deserted, opposite Algiers, in 1863. He had never sought pardon under the Presidential proclamation of March 3, 1865, which removed disabilities from deserters, and he still lay under the charge of desertion. Evidence was then taken, and during the day several witnesses were examined who testified simply to having voted for Moore at the last election. It was ascertained in many instances that the witnesses did not know for whom they voted; that they were led on by a Tammany whip, whose behests they uncomplainingly obeyed. The investigation will be resumed to-morrow.

HOMICIDE AT EAST NEWARK.

John Sherry died at his home, in East Newark, yesterday, in consequence of injuries received at the hands of John Connors, during a fracas in that town on St. Patrick's Day. Coroner Paralow has been ordered by County Physician Buck to hold an inquest. Connors has been allowed to escape through the negligence, criminal or otherwise, of the East Newark officials. Coroner Paralow ordered, a couple of days ago, that he be committed to jail, to await the result of Sherry's injuries. Instead of committing him, the constable who arrested him took him before an East Newark Justice, who held him in $200 bail. Connors has since left the town, and cannot now be found. Sherry's wife, on Friday, went before a Justice of the Peace, and charged her dying husband with having assaulted her. A warrant was issued for his arrest, and the constable arrived to take him into custody while he was breathing his last.

THE CASE OF JOSHUA D. MINOR.

United States District Attorney Bliss yesterday entered a *nolle prosequi* in the case of Joshua D. Minor, against whom there were three indictments for having in his possession plates for counterfeiting $2 bills.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

Three sneak thieves were sentenced at the Hudson County Sessions, yesterday morning. Is not this a warning to sneak news thieves?

At the Russian Greek Chapel, No. 951 Second avenue, Rev. Father Bjerring will preach to-day in the English language.

The Junior exhibition of the University of the City of New-York, takes place at the Academy of Music next Thursday evening.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held at the hall, corner of Grand and Elm streets, 1st of April next, at 4 P. M.

A complimentary benefit will be given at Robinson Hall in Sixteenth street, to Miss Melville to-morrow evening. Music and recitations.

Rev. David B. Jutton will preach this morning in the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, and at the conclusion of the services baptism will be administered to several persons.

Coroner Croker will hold an inquest in the case of Richard V. De Peyster, of Rutherford Park, N. J., who dropped dead in the bar room of the Remsen House, on Friday evening.

Mayor Havemeyer received another communication from Capt. Van Cleve, of Lewiston, yesterday, in relation to improving the canals and the necessity of immediately commencing the work.

Ellen Boylan, thirty years old, residing in Tremont, about three weeks ago, while dressing her hair, was burned to death by her tournure catching fire. Coroner Croker held an inquest yesterday.

The homeopathic physicians of this City and vicinity have made arrangements for the celebration of the 119th anniversary of the birth of Hahnemann by a banquet at the St. Cloud Hotel on the evening of April 10.

A charitable entertainment for the benefit of the poor of the City will be given next Saturday, at 4 P. M., at the Mercantile Library Association, Astor place. Miss F. H. Churchill will give some select readings and recitings.

The following foreign mails were conveyed from this port yesterday: By the Republic, 24,425 letters and 51 bags of papers; Mosel, 28,100 letters and 37 bags of papers; Colon, for Aspinwall, 3,630 letters and 14 bags of papers.

Theresa Adams, of No. 124½ Thompson street, a forbidding-looking specimen of the African race, was held in $1,000 bail by Justice Kilbreth, at Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday, charged with stealing a gold watch and chain from Charles J. Condi, of No. 29 Broadway, on Friday evening.

Coroner Croker was yesterday notified to hold an inquest in the case of Joseph G. Wheeler, a boy, seven years old, residing at No. 214½ Mulberry street, who died from being hit on the head with a stone by a playmate, named Thomas Nagle, of No. 233 Mulberry street. Nagle has been arrested.

A meeting of the officers of the German veteran societies was held last night, when arrangements were discussed to participate with their respective organizations in the meeting called by the German Emigrant Society to denounce the course and policy of the Emigration Commissioners.

To-morrow evening a company of Carolina singers will give an entertainment at East Side Hall, Eighty-sixth street, in which a series of original plantation melodies will be rendered. The voices of this company have not been cultivated, and the songs rendered by them will be eminently characteristic of those sung in the Southern plantations.

John Burns, of the New-England Hotel, and James Clark, of No. 68 Greenwich avenue, were held in $1,000 bail each yesterday, by Justice Kilbreth, at Jefferson Market Police Court, charged with stealing a suit of clothes belonging to James Feeley, of No. 235 West Nineteenth street. They strenuously denied the charge, but looked much in want of a tailor.

The steam-ship Merrimac which is seven days overdue at this port, was heard from yesterday via Lisbon. The steamer arrived at Para March 12, with a shaft broken. She was to leave Para on the 20th, and is looked for here April 4, prox. The steamer Eagle arrived at St. John's, N. F., yesterday, having returned from the seal-fishery with 23,000 seals.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Pauline Winslow Bridge, wife of Lewis K. Bridge, who died in Paris on the 5th of this month, took place yesterday morning from St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church, in Stuyvesant place. The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Avsham Headfger, Charles Lamson, Robert George Remsen, George W. Lane, Joel B. Post, and Benjamin L. Swan.

Charles Vassler is head waiter at No. 309 Fifth avenue, and Samuel Henry held a similar position in the same house until Friday, on which day Mr. Vassler informed Mr. Henry that his services were not required any more. This incensed Henry, and pulling out his pistol, he snapped it in the face of Vassler, but fortunately it did not explode. Henry was arrested, and held in $1,000 bail by Justice Kilbreth, at Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday.

The Second Reformed Presbyterian Congregation, formerly and for many years worshiping in West Eleventh street, near Sixth avenue, but more recently in Continental Hall, corner of Eighth avenue and Thirty-fourth street, have recently purchased the Jewish Synagogue on Thirty-ninth street near Eighth avenue, which will be opened for divine service at 10:30 A. M. to-day. The Pastor, Rev. A. Stevenson, will preach morning and Rev. D. Gregg will assist in officiating.

The annual meeting of the New-York Church Extension and Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church will be held to-morrow evening in the Free Tabernacle Church, West Thirty-fourth street. Mr. J. B. Cornell will preside, and addresses will be delivered by Rev. R. M. Hatfield, D. D., Rev. R. L. Dashiel, D. D., and Gen. Clinton B. Fisk. The music will be under the direction of Prof. G. F. Benjamin. The proceedings will be opened with prayer by Rev. John E. Cookman, and will close with benediction.

The New-York Cheap Transportation Company have just received a supply of the printed reports of the National Convention of the American Cheap Transportation Association, held at Washington, D. C., Jan. 14, to 17, 1874. The report contains many important facts and other valuable matter in connection with the subject discussed at the meeting. The addresses by Hon. Josiah Quincy, of Massachusetts, President of the Association, and the remarks of other prominent gentlemen are interesting.

Mr. James Gayler, special agent of the Postal Department, who has been commissioned to examine into the working system, revenues, and expenses of the Post Offices in the newly-annexed districts of this City, and to report upon the advisability of abolishing the offices and making them stations of the City Department, commenced his labors yesterday in Westchester County. A full report cannot be made for some time yet, as the field to be gone over is by no means a small one.

BROOKLYN.

The Police made 466 arrests during the week.

The tax receipts for the past week amount to $140,284 37.

Corrections of errors in personal taxes will be made at the office of the Board of Assessors only during the month of June and between the hours of 8 A. M. and 3 P. M.

Daniel Hanley, a brick-layer, was remanded for trial by Justice Morse yesterday morning, on a charge of attempting to set fire to his apartments at No. 504 President street.

The residents of the Eastern District of Brooklyn have petitioned Congress to make an appropriation during the present session of $600,000 to remove obstructions at Hell Gate.

A slight fire, occasioned by the accidental ignition of some waste paper, occurred in the Common Council Chamber yesterday morning. It was speedily extinguished by one of the female sweepers.

The house-hunters are out in force already. Parties of them may be seen in almost every street ascending or descending the stoops of houses which are placarded "To Let." House-hunting is not generally regarded as a pastime.

The trial of Sanborn, Hawley, and Vanderwerken, indicted for defrauding the Government in connection with the Sanborn contracts, is set down to go on to-morrow at noon, in the United States Eastern District Court, before Judge Benedict.

Several of the Brooklyn soup-houses will be closed after April 1. The Police have within the past few days arrested a large number of able-bodied vagrants who, day after day, crowd the soup-houses to the exclusion of the more modest poor.

A writ of error was granted yesterday by Judge Gilbert to allow counsel to perfect an appeal in the case of Joseph Harvey, who was convicted some weeks ago in the Court of Sessions of highway robbery, and sentenced to Sing Sing for nine years and six months.

The Saloon-keepers' Protective Association at their last meeting denounced the temperance movement in this city as a "fraud and a sham," and resolved that if the saloons of any of the members of this association were visited by the temperance ladies the Police would be applied to for protection.

Rev. A. P. Peabody, preacher of Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., will preach this evening for Rev. Mr. Putnam, at the Church of the Savior, corner of Livermont street and Monroe place. Dr. Peabody's high reputation as a theologian, scholar and preacher, ensures an intellectual treat.

Hon. Joshua M. Van Cott, associate counsel with the District Attorney in the case of the People against Ex-City Treasurer Sprague, is rapidly recovering from the effects of his recent serious accident. He is now able to leave his bed, and will, it is hoped, be completely recovered by the time the Sprague case comes on in April.

A discussion arose at the meeting of the Board of City Assessors yesterday as to the right of the Assessors to tax property for improvements according to the benefit derived, without regard to the value of the property. The Assessors are of opinion—and the opinion is supported by the Corporation Counsel—that they have that right. The matter was referred to a committee to report.

It was rumored yesterday that the Court of Sessions Grand Jury, at present deliberating, have found indictments against the Commissioners of Charities. It will be remembered that indictments were found against the Commissioners by a previous Grand Jury, but were rendered void owing to the fact that District Attorney Britton was removed before affixing his signature to the true bills.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

The steamers Adelphi and Alexis will resume their trips for the season, between New-York and Sing Sing, on Tuesday next.

Right Rev. Horatio Potter, D. D., will administer the rite of confirmation to a number of candidates, in Trinity Church, Sing Sing, on Monday afternoon next, and in St. Paul's Church, in the same village, on Monday evening.

Rev. Dr. Hollingsworth, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Port Chester, who went to Europe last Summer for the benefit of his health, was at Palermo, Sicily, at last accounts. He expects to spend the month of April in France, May in England, and return home in June.

The Republicans of the Town of Greenburg, for the first time, have determined to take a decided stand against Democratic rule in that locality, and with that view have nominated a clean Republican ticket for town officers, as follows: For Supervisor, Daniel W. King; for Town Clerk, Wolfred Bird; for Assessor, Charles A. Adams; for Town Auditors, John E. Williams and James S. Millard.

STATEN ISLAND.

The United States revenue steamer Grant, Capt. Treadway, has again arrived at her anchorage off Stapleton, after a long cruise along the coasts of Long Island and New-Jersey in search of stranded or disabled vessels.

An amateur dramatic entertainment will be given on Tuesday evening at the Old Lyceum, on the Richmond road, Stapleton, in aid of the Smith Infirmary at Tompkinsville and the Seamen's Benevolent Society.

Only two of the young thieves captured on Staten Island on Friday, charged with robbing the Post Office at Stapleton, were held on that charge—Daniel Lynch and John Cummings. The others, three in number, were held as witnesses, and all were conveyed by Officers Romer and Ambrose before United States Commissioner Winslow, of Brooklyn, who yesterday afternoon committed the accused to await the action of the Grand Jury.

NEW-JERSEY.

At the annual meeting of the Elizabeth Fire Department, held on Friday night, Thomas Forsyth was elected Chief Engineer.

The Italian who was wounded in the riot at the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western tunnel, on Thursday, has been removed to one of the New-York hospitals.

Ex-Tax Receiver Broadwell, of Newark, who was expected to plead, yesterday, to the indictments found against him for official embezzlement, did not put in an appearance.

A new railroad is to be built from the Delaware River, near the mouth of Monroe Creek, in Hopewell Township, to the Central Railroad at Bound Brook. The capital stock of the company is $1,000,000.

Christiana Lachenmeyer, who was recently convicted in the Essex County Sessions of having set fire to her premises on Springfield avenue, Newark, was yesterday sentenced to one year's confinement in the State Prison.

The last meeting of the Paterson Board of Education was held on Friday. The report of the School Superintendent showed an average attendance at each of the nine high schools in the city of seventy-seven. No business of importance was transacted.

The Sears will case, which has engaged the attention of the Paterson courts for over a year, was disposed of yesterday. The heirs disputed the account of the executors, Dr. Amiraux and Mrs. Sears, charging that they had so managed the estate that it is worth $6,000 less than it ought to have been worth. The court stated that the books had been kept without system, but held, nevertheless, that the estate had been honestly administered, and rendered a decision in favor of the executors.

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In steam-ship Colon, for San Francisco and way ports.—For San Francisco—J. C. White, C. P. Higgins and wife, Mrs. A. W. Lindsley, Mrs. H. C. Dearborn and three children, Isaac C. Smith, J. Malcolm Smith, Mrs. Wallace, Henry Smith, Dr. E. S. Hoffman and wife, Chas. B. Booth, John Wilson, Arthur F. Brown and wife, Miss Holt, Miss Lucy M. Goodell, Sydney C. Bullock, Dr. Geo. H. Marvin, Geo. B. Gray, Miss Caroline Deiffenbach, J. V. Truex, Hosea Stauffer, H. C. Devening, W. L. Corning, Thos. Hayselden and wife, A. Keer and wife, Dr. Wm. H. Quinby, Mr. Campfield, Walter Campbell, C. W. Coburn, Thos. Ford, Mr. Mas and wife, S. C. Spencer, E. Nicholson, wife, child, and two infants, Cloud Dunn, Jacob Bunson, Y. Dedfreeat, Frank Randall, Ront. Glenn, Chas. D. Hayes, wife, and two children, Geo. M. Harding, Wilson Hayes, wife, son, and two children, Jean Lemeunier, Geo. W. Potter, Dr. L. H. Andrews, John H. Fiteoms, G. L. Poor, Timothy Keleher, E. D. Hathaway, F. G. Gould, Mrs. Catherine McHane, daughter, and three children, Mrs. Francis A. Reid and daughter, George H. Purdy and wife, N. Henry Gibbs, William A. Jervis, C. H. Flagg, Josiah H. Day, J. C. Field, George F. Giess, W. Alfred Williams, Stanley Sheldon, W. A. Hepburn and wife, Edward A. Gillett and wife, C. H. Simms and wife, H. D. B. Thompson, August Skuikman and sister, M. C. Sharp, Morris Collins, Miss Julia McDonnell, H. P. Spangler, Miss Maria Maiky, Charles E. Winter, wife, and two children, Miss Maggie Grogan, Miss Mary E. McDonough, W. H. Burnett, James Nicholson, Miss Maggie Quinn, John P. Cowan, B. R. Eldridge, Miss Mary O'Brien, George Sewell, S. G. Barnes, John S. Nelson, George W. Brice, wife, and two children, C. Forster, wife, and three children, Miss Catherine Giddins, M. McDonald, wife, and child, C. A. Smith, Clarence Savory, J. A. M. Conrad, James Beard, Miss Margaret Connelly, Miss Mary McDonough. For way ports and Kingston, Jam.—Charles E. Flint, James A. Ring, United States Navy, Oliver Knight, United States Navy, J. L. Mc De Bo, James E. Thompson, J. M. Serrano, G. Rose and wife, F. A. Isaac and wife, Mrs. T. Q. Browne, W. G. Wheildon, F. W. Wheildon, Miss Florence Crompton, Capt. E. Howes, J. Dias, L. Dow.

In steam-ship San Salvador, for Savannah.—George L. Gerns, Miss M. Brooks, Miss Lillian Stevens, J. A. Keep, B. Pope and wife, Florence Miaskoski, Miss Metcalf, Miss A. Metcalf, Edgar C. Parkhurst, W. E. Van Pelt, J. Nourse, E. N. Willets, Miss J. Yale, Mrs. F. S. Holbrook, Miss Mary Atwater, Mrs. S. Patten, Miss Mattie Gould, Miss J. D. W. Gould, N. D. Bangs, C. P. Colter, Miss J. Bangs, Miss M. Yale, Charles Whiteman and wife, A. J. Hull, F. B. McNeill, J. F. Young, M. Metcalf and wife, L. K. Horne, G. B. Thomas, Miss Wood, Miss Belle Dunn, Dr. Walter De F. Day and wife, J. A. Merrill, Mrs. J. M. Bissell, Miss Carrie Woodbridge, Daniel Bacon, Washington Quinlan, Miss Fannie Patton, Miss Annnie E. Lambert, Mrs. J. Lambert, J. D. Lawrence, W. Lambert, C. Yale, A. T. Mann.

In steam-ship Republic, for Liverpool.—Wm. Orton, Mrs. Orton, H. H. Whitney, Miss Kate Whitney, Hon. G. W. Baker, A. Redman, Miss A. Pinkerman, Johannes Beer, Wm. Hugh Bernera, Mrs. Berners, E. P. Sale, C. M. Nichols, Jr., E. Cunningham, Mrs. Cunningham, Miss Ethel Cunningham, Miss Hester Cunningham, Miss Viner, E. Seigneuref, C. Moeckel, Jonathan Cordukes, Chas. Eccleston, J. B. Sprague, Wm. Charles, Hon. J. F. Fakenham, Dr. J. L. Perry, Jr., A. Strauss, Aaron Kastor, Capt. W. C. Green, Thos. F. Squires, John S. Morley, Thos. J. Ashe, Mrs. Ashe, child, and infant, Edward Gilmore.

In steam-ship Egypt, for Liverpool—Theodore Torrey, John Wilmont, Miss A. G. Wood, Miss Wood, Cuthbert Lynne, J. H. Lewis, F. Hill, Mr. E. Creedon and child, Mrs. S. Forsyth, Robert K. Sinclair, Stephen Birch.

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News packages for the Journal of Commerce, TIMES, Tribune, World, Sun, Express, Evening Post, Commercial Advertiser, Staats Zeitung, Sunday Mercury, and Merchants' Exchange and News Room Association, should also be delivered only to the same parties.

MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises.....5:50 | Sun sets.....6:21 | Moon sets...4:46

Sandy Hook..5:20 | Gov. Island..6:09 | Hell Gate...7:31

HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK.....SATURDAY, March 28.

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Steam-ships Republic, (Br.,) Gleadell, Liverpool, via Queenstown, R. J. Cordis; City of Brooklyn, (Br.,) Brooks, Liverpool, J. G. Dale; St. Olaf, (Norw.,) Pedersen, Hamburg, Funch, Edye & Co.; Egypt, (Br.,) Grogan, Liverpool, via Queenstown, F. W. J. Hurst; Mosel, (Ger.,) Ernst, Bremen, via Southampton, Oelrichs & Co.; Colon, Griffin, Aspinwall, Pacific Mail Steam-ship Co.; George W. Clyde, Pennington, Galveston, via Key West, C. H. Mallory & Co.; George Washington, Whitehead, New-Orleans, Clark & Seaman; Champion, Lockwood, Charleston, J. W. Quintard & Co.; General Meade, Sampson, New-Orleans, Fred. Baker; San Salvador, Nickerson, Savannah, Wm. R. Garrison; Wyanoke, Couch, Norfolk, City Point, and Richmond, Old Dominion Steam-ship Co.; Richmond, Read, Norfolk, Old Dominion Steam-ship Co.; E. C. Knight, Chichester, Georgetown, D. C., J. C. Kenyon & Co.; Vindicator, Martin, Baltimore, Lorillard Steam-ship Co.; General Whitney, Hallett, Boston, H. F. Dimock; Regulator, Freeman, Philadelphia, Lorillard Steam-ship Co.; Franconia, Bragg, Portland, J. F. Ames; Bristol, Wallace, Philadelphia, J. Hand.

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Schs. Washington Freeman, Robinson, Savacca, I. B. Staples; Helen Augusta, Wells, St. John's, P. R., Bentley, Gildersleeve & Co.; Chas. E. Paige, Grace, Sagua la Grande, J. H. Winchester & Co.; S. P. Codwin, Waterbury, Stamford Stamford Manufacturing Co.

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Steam-ship Hermann, (Ger.) Reichmann, Bremen, March 11, via Southampton 14th, with mdse. and passengers to Oelrichs & Co. Had strong westerly winds the entire passage; March 21 to 25 experienced severe gales from W. and N. W. with tremendous seas; March 26 lat. 41.32, lon. 68.31, passed bark Germania, (Ger.) bound W. The H. brings 8 cabin and 160 steerage passengers.

Steam-ship Caledonia, (Br.,) Ridley, Glasgow, March 11 with mdse. and 36 passengers to Henderson Bros.

Steam-ship Absalom, (Dan.,) Larche, Copenhagen Feb. 25, and Leith March 8, with mdse. to Funch, Edye & Co.

Steam-ship State of Pennsylvania, (Br.,) Brass, Glasgow March 13, and Larne 14th, with 5 cabin and 58 steerage passengers to Austin Baldwin & Co.

Steam-ship Rhiopis, (Br.,) Crale, Glasgow March 14, and Moville 15th, with mdse. and passengers to Henderson Bros.

Steam-ship City of Houston, Deering, New-Orleans March 22, with mdse. and passengers to Charles H. Mallory & Co.

Steam-ship Benefactor, Jones, Baltimore, with mdse. to L